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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

5 v.

11-CR-424 (NRB)

6 GULAY CIBIK, REFAEL BRODJIK,
7 a/k/a "Rafi," NATHAN SCHWARTZ,
8 HAROLD TISCHLER, a/k/a
9 "Hershy,"

10 Defendants.

Jury Trial

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12 New York, N.Y.
13 January 25, 2013
14 9:11 a.m.

15 Before:

16 HON. NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD,

17 District Judge

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1 (Trial resumed)

2 (In open court; jury not present)

3 THE COURT: Good morning. Can we bring the jury in?

4 MR. PASTORE: Your Honor, there are two matters that
5 we just briefly wanted to address.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. PASTORE: The first is, in light of the note that
8 the jury passed up to the court yesterday, the government was
9 considering whether it may be appropriate to admonish them
10 again that there should be no early deliberations. We don't
11 think polling the jury about potential early deliberations is
12 at all necessary, but we offer up whether it might be helpful
13 just to remind them specifically, in light of the note, they're
14 not to be discussing any of the legal or factual issues around
15 the case until it's been given to them for deliberations.

16 THE COURT: Don't I tell them that every single day?

17 MR. PASTORE: You do, your Honor, and we had discussed
18 that, we had discussed that internally as well, and we thought,
19 in light of the specific note, that it may be worth mentioning.
20 We just offer it up. I'm not sure if anyone else has a view.

21 THE COURT: Does anybody care? I mean, do you object?

22 MR. GERZOG: No.

23 MR. GUTMAN: No.

24 MR. DONALDSON: No.

25 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine.

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1 MR. PASTORE: And the second is, just for planning
2 purposes, in terms of defense cases, what we understand
3 right -- we've asked each defendant whether they intend to put
4 on a case. We've also asked for courtesy copy of witness lists
5 and any disclosure of prior witness statements. So far
6 Mr. Gerzog has indicated that there is no -- they don't intend
7 to put on a case. None of the other three defendants have
8 indicated one way or the other, only that the -- that it's
9 going to depend on, somewhat, what Mr. Salamon says, but for
10 planning purposes, it will be helpful if we had that.

11 THE COURT: It certainly would be helpful for me to
12 know.

13 MR. GERZOG: I should point out, what I said
14 specifically was that while I don't plan to put on a case, that
15 might change depending on what Mr. Salamon says. I don't
16 really expect it to, but --

17 MR. DONALDSON: At this point, regarding Ms. Cibik, we
18 don't know. We had not planned on doing that, but at this
19 point we don't know.

20 MR. BRILL: We may have two or three very brief
21 witnesses, depending on what Mr. Salamon says.

22 MR. GREENFIELD: I would say I'm in agreement with
23 Mr. Brill. I don't anticipate any length of a defense case and
24 I may not put one on at all, but I do think it depends on
25 Mr. Salamon's testimony.

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1 THE COURT: All right. I think the take-away is that
2 even assuming a defense case, it would not be of such length
3 that it will have a major impact on our plans going forward.

4 So --

5 MR. DONALDSON: Judge, Ms. Cibik was whispering in my
6 ear that at this point -- she's telling me at this point she
7 has no intention of testifying, but I'm telling her we'll speak
8 about that further later.

9 MR. PASTORE: If there are two or three witnesses that
10 are -- that defense counsel is considering, we just request
11 that those names be turned over to the government sufficiently
12 in advance of the witness being called.

13 THE COURT: I assume that this is almost the last
14 witness for the government?

15 MR. PASTORE: We anticipate one more witness, Special
16 Agent Gordon.

17 THE COURT: How long is her testimony supposed to be?

18 MR. PASTORE: Probably about two hours, at most.

19 THE COURT: Oh, great. Okay. So then we're finishing
20 testimony on Monday; right? I mean, that's what it comes down
21 to. I mean, assume maybe Mr. Salamon occupies today or a good
22 part of today, Monday Agent Gordon testifies.

23 MS. ECHENBERG: Your Honor, I think Mr. Salamon will
24 be on the stand today and at least part of Monday.

25 MR. BRILL: The government informed us they have an

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1 extensive direct of Mr. Salomon.

2 THE COURT: All right. Then I think --

3 MR. GERZOG: And your Honor, all I ask is that as far
4 as summations go, we work it out so that the government's
5 rebuttal summation is not alone on a separate day.

6 THE COURT: I can't promise you that.

7 MR. GERZOG: Well --

8 THE COURT: I just can't. I mean, this has all gone
9 on longer than I thought it was going to, and how it works out,
10 I don't know yet. I mean, first of all, I don't have any
11 information from any of you. I don't know how long the
12 government's planning on summing up, I don't know how long
13 you're planning on summing up. I don't even have the hours --

14 MR. GERZOG: I for one will be willing to wait to go
15 to 3 or 3:30 if the court would, just so we can avoid that from
16 happening. I don't know if your Honor wants -- is willing to,
17 I don't know if anyone else is willing to, but I for one would
18 be willing to do that.

19 THE COURT: Well, I guess I was not remembering that
20 Agent Gordon had to testify, so I really haven't given any, you
21 know, actual thought to the schedule. And as I indicated
22 earlier, I often change the calendar for summations anyway.
23 But I do think I want to just remind you, because Brett
24 reminded me, that we have at least -- is it one juror who told
25 us that she had a conflict of a flight on the 30th? So it's

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1 clear we're going to lose that juror. I don't believe there
2 was anybody else who has a -- is there one more?

3 Well, there's the 31st. Let's hope that's not
4 necessary. But anyway, we are going to lose a juror for the
5 30th.

6 MR. GREENFIELD: Judge, I have one more issue to
7 raise.

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 MR. GREENFIELD: Regarding the testimony of
10 Mr. Salamon. A couple of weeks ago, Ms. Echenberg provided me
11 with a -- I guess it's what you call a screen shot of a message
12 that purports to come from Mr. Tischler to Mr. Salamon,
13 which -- in which Mr. Tischler uses the word "moser" --
14 actually misspells it, but he says moser, and she, in any
15 case --

16 MS. ECHEBERG: Your Honor, if it's helpful, it's
17 Government Exhibit 501.

18 MR. GREENFIELD: Okay.

19 MS. ECHEBERG: We can also put it up on the screen,
20 if you'd like.

21 THE COURT: Yeah, I'm not sure if I have it here.

22 Yeah, okay. I've got it now.

23 First of all, I'm sorry, I don't know what the word
24 means.

25 MR. GREENFIELD: I didn't know what the word meant

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either. Ms. Echenberg represented to me that it meant rat, okay? So I looked it up. I did some research on it. And it doesn't quite mean rat. And what I -- she and I had a sort of a spirited, good-natured exchange over -- at least I took it as good-natured -- over what the definition of moser was, and I -- I had a definition from the dean of Yeshiva University which said that it was an animal of prey, preying upon society for his own benefit. So I said, "Well, if you're going to offer that, do you want me to subpoena the dean?"

THE COURT: You had actually called him?

MR. GREENFIELD: No, I found him -- I found a reference to it. It seems that this word came up a few years ago when Professor Dershowitz referred to someone in Israel as a -- or was alleged to have said that the guy was a moser and --

THE COURT: How are you supposed to spell it?

MR. GREENFIELD: M-O-S-E-R, no I.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. GREENFIELD: So here's my concern. I mean, she's going to introduce it and ask Mr. Salomon what is Mr. -- "What does moser mean or what did you understand it to mean?" And then we're going to have a little trial over what moser means because --

THE COURT: One second. Explain to me what this screen shot is supposed to be of.

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1 MS. ECHENBERG: Sure. So this is on Facebook. This
2 is a message.

3 THE COURT: I don't do Facebook, so -- I don't think
4 judges should do Facebook.

5 MS. ECHENBERG: I don't do Facebook either, your
6 Honor, same reason. This is a message that Mr. Tischler sent
7 to Mr. Salamon. The word I believe is moser, and I did some
8 research as well, your Honor, and in the -- in some parts of
9 the Jewish religion, there's this understanding of the Law of
10 Moser, which is, if someone gives information to the secular
11 government against another Jew, three Rabbis can get together,
12 determine them a moser, and they are essentially excommunicated
13 from --

14 THE COURT: That's what a friend of mine said, that
15 the commandment is not, "Thou shalt not bear false witness,"
16 the commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear witness."

17 MS. ECHENBERG: Against a Jew. Right. So what
18 Mr. Salamon will testify that he understood it to be saying,
19 "you ratted on me, you put me in jail, wow." We have other
20 text messages that came on Mr. Salamon's phone between
21 Mr. Tischler and Mr. Salamon where the language is similar. He
22 says "wow," like that's sort of his language to things he says.

23 Also, I would just note that that photograph, if you
24 see, there's a little cigarette there. I believe right now, or
25 at least at the time of this message, Mr. Tischler was selling

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1 electronic cigarettes, so that's sort of his little --

2 MR. GREENFIELD: I'm not disputing that --

3 THE COURT: Look, this is the issue. Not what does it
4 mean abstractly and what some scholar would understand it to
5 be; it's what Mr. Salamon understood was being said to him.

6 MS. ECHENBERG: Correct.

7 THE COURT: Because to the extent that it's
8 derogatory/threatening -- small T -- it's his understanding of
9 what's being said. So I don't understand why the academic
10 issue.

11 MR. GREENFIELD: Well, he can say --

12 THE COURT: If you want to call a witness that says
13 that --

14 MR. GREENFIELD: Or cross-examine this witness as to
15 the basis of his knowledge. I mean, I think it means something
16 different to every one of the defendants here and everybody who
17 they see on Saturday morning. You know, this is the first time
18 I heard that three rabbis can get together and excommunicate
19 the guy, and if he's going to say that, I mean, there ought to
20 be some sort of foundation for that besides, "That's what I
21 thought it -- I understood it to mean."

22 THE COURT: I think it's what he understands. I mean,
23 I think that you can certainly suggest that there are other
24 meanings and that perhaps the other meanings is what
25 Mr. Tischler, you know, suggested, but I don't --

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1 MR. GREENFIELD: Could we have an offer as to what
2 Mr. Salamon did understand it to mean?

3 MS. ECHEBERG: Yes. He's going to say that he
4 understood it to mean: You are testifying against me, you put
5 me in jail, you're someone who dealt with the secular
6 authorities against another Jew. And that's how we've
7 described it in the 3500. As Mr. Salamon described it to me, I
8 wrote it down and put it in the 3500 several weeks ago.

9 THE COURT: All right. Are we done with
10 preliminaries?

11 MS. ECHEBERG: We're done, your Honor, yes.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. PASTORE: And, Judge, we have received a letter
14 from Mr. Gutman and Mr. Gerzog regarding the jury charge, and
15 we'll take a look. If it's okay if we get back to you on
16 Monday or over the weekend?

17 THE COURT: We have a draft. We have a draft jury
18 charge for you, done before receiving this, and I'm not sure
19 whether this will change anything, or I can think of possibly
20 one thing that I think would be unobjectionable to everybody,
21 but we were hoping I think to get at least responses by e-mail
22 on Sunday, maybe a little less important given that the trial's
23 going to go a little longer than I thought, but I think it
24 would be helpful because I think we don't want to waste a lot
25 of time, you know, arguing about the charge because I think a

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1 lot of it will not be subject to any extreme discussion and the
2 number of things you might want to raise are going to be I
3 think small in substance, in sentences. So we could, you know,
4 try to maybe talk about some of the stuff maybe on Monday.
5 Obviously if something happens, we can always adjust it, but
6 I'd like to, you know, focus on this earlier than --

7 MR. GERZOG: Would your Honor think it might be a good
8 idea to inform the jury that while we had hoped we would be
9 done in two weeks, it appears that we're going to be going a
10 few more days?

11 THE COURT: I think that might be a good idea, at the
12 end of the day.

13 MR. PASTORE: And, Judge, the sentence that your Honor
14 was referring to, is it possible to e-mail in or would it be --

15 THE COURT: You know, I haven't memorized the charge,
16 but the only immediate reaction, you know, off-the-cuff
17 reaction to Mr. Gutman's letter was that we might add a
18 sentence with respect to the substantive counts that simply
19 says there needs to be unanimity on at least one statement,
20 because we certainly have that unanimity charge generally but
21 also specifically on the object of the conspiracy. So I would
22 have no problem with adding that. I don't think it's in there,
23 but I have no problem adding it.

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1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.

3 THE JURORS: Good morning.

4 THE COURT: Sorry to keep you. We just had some legal
5 matters we needed to discuss.

6 Ms. Echenberg?

7 MS. ECHEMBERG: The government calls Robert Salamon.

8 THE CLERK: Could you raise your right hand.

9 (Witness sworn)

10 THE CLERK: Please state and spell your full name for
11 the record.

12 THE WITNESS: Robert Salamon, R-O-B-E-R-T, Salamon,
13 S-A-L-A-M-O-N.

14 ROBERT SALAMON,

15 called as a witness by the Government,

16 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. ECHEMBERG:

19 Q. Good morning, Mr. Salamon.

20 A. Good morning.

21 Q. How old are you?

22 A. 49.

23 Q. What was your highest grade of formal education?

24 A. Secular studies, I would say elementary school.

25 Q. Do you have -- and when you say elementary school, what

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1 grade?

2 A. Sixth grade.

3 Q. And did you have any other schooling after secular
4 schooling?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What was that?

7 A. Religious schooling.

8 Q. How long did you remain in religious schooling?

9 A. Till I was 17.

10 Q. Did you complete religious schooling?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Are you currently employed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What do you do?

15 A. I resell monitoring software for printing devices that
16 alerts company when a part is needed or when toners are low on
17 the device or service is needed.

18 Q. How long have you had that job?

19 A. Over a year.

20 Q. Did there come a time when you were arrested by federal
21 agents in New York?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When was that?

24 A. In May of 2009.

25 Q. What were you arrested for?

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1 A. Immigration fraud.

2 Q. Did you appear in court on those charges you were arrested
3 for?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did you plead?

6 A. Not guilty.

7 Q. Did you ever change your plea?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What did you change your plea to?

10 A. Guilty.

11 Q. When was that?

12 A. July 2010.

13 Q. Did you sign any sort of agreement with the government in
14 connection with your guilty plea?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was that agreement?

17 A. Cooperation agreement.

18 Q. And before you signed that agreement, did you meet with the
19 government?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. During your meetings with the government did you admit to
22 any criminal conduct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What criminal conduct did you admit to?

25 A. Immigration fraud, conspiracy of immigration fraud, bank

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1 fraud, conspiracy of bribing a US official, and conspiracy of
2 money laundering.

3 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions about those crimes, but
4 before I do, I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
5 Exhibit 500.

6 Do you recognize that document?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What is it?

9 A. Cooperation agreement.

10 Q. Is it your cooperation agreement?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. If you could turn to the last page of that agreement,
13 please.

14 Is that your signature on the last page?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What is your understanding of what you have to do under
17 this agreement?

18 A. To be truthful and honest.

19 Q. Do you have to do anything else?

20 A. To say everything that happened that I did in the
21 immigration fraud and everything that went on.

22 Q. And what happens if you commit any other crimes?

23 A. This agreement is null and voided.

24 Q. In addition to admitting -- the crimes that you just said
25 you admitted to the government, did you plead guilty to all of

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1 them in connection with this cooperation agreement?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And in addition to pleading guilty to those crimes, did you
4 also agree to forfeit money?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How much money did you agree to forfeit?

7 A. \$2 million.

8 Q. Did you also agree to pay back taxes in connection with
9 this agreement?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now if you do what you're supposed to do under this
12 agreement, what do you understand the government will do?

13 A. They will write a letter to the judge and hopefully the
14 judge will have some leniency on my sentencing.

15 Q. What information do you understand will be contained in
16 that letter to the judge?

17 A. Everything that I -- that I've said to the government that
18 I did and I admitted all my crimes.

19 Q. Anything else?

20 A. I don't understand the question.

21 Q. Will the letter also tell the government *[sic]* the things
22 you told the government?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What about what other people did?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And will the government recommend a specific sentence to
2 the judge?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Who decides what sentence you will get?

5 A. The judge.

6 Q. Even if you get this letter, what's the maximum sentence
7 that you're facing?

8 A. 70 years.

9 Q. Does anyone have to be convicted in order for you to do
10 your part under the agreement?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Have you been sentenced yet?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Let's turn back to what you pled guilty to. Let's
15 start with the immigration fraud. If you could tell me briefly
16 what you did in connection with the two charges of immigration
17 fraud and conspiracy to commit immigration fraud.

18 A. I was involved in a law firm that provided false documents
19 to the government for people to get green cards, legal status
20 in the United States.

21 Q. And what did you do in connection with the bribery charge
22 that you pled guilty to?

23 A. I was involved in the briberies of a US official in US
24 labor to alter paperwork for us to submit to immigration.

25 Q. Connected with the immigration fraud?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did you do in connection with the money laundering
3 charge that you pled guilty to?

4 A. The lawyer, main lawyer, Earl David, had a book that he
5 wrote and he had an account called Code of the Heart, so monies
6 that were profited -- those days, he wasn't in the country, he
7 was in Canada, so the profits that we made, part of the profits
8 went to him through a Code of the Heart, like to just cover up,
9 not to show that -- where it's coming from, to show that --
10 that he sold books from there, it was not profit from the
11 immigration fraud.

12 Q. To make it look like it was book profits instead of profits
13 from the fraud?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what did you do in connection with this bank fraud that
16 you pled guilty to?

17 A. I instructed a computer guy to forge my coworker's
18 signature.

19 Q. For what purpose?

20 A. To -- to get money out of his account.

21 Q. And you forged the signature on what, specifically?

22 A. On the computer -- on our check. I'm sorry.

23 Q. One check or several checks?

24 A. Several checks.

25 Q. And you mentioned that the immigration fraud that you

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1 committed related to a law firm; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When you were working at that law firm, did you ever use
4 illegal drugs at the firm?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did you use?

7 A. Marijuana. Tried it.

8 Q. How many times?

9 A. Once, that I remember.

10 Q. And when you were working at that firm, did you ever drink
11 alcohol while you were at the firm?

12 A. I had a glass or two of wine, yes.

13 Q. When did you have a glass or two of wine?

14 A. After the clients left.

15 Q. Typically what hours would you see clients?

16 A. In those days, till like I would say 11:30, 12:00 at night.

17 Q. And then you would have a glass or two of wine?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And while you were working at this firm, were you ever a
20 lawyer?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Are you trained as a lawyer?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Are you licensed as a lawyer?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you ever present yourself in any way as a lawyer to
2 anyone?

3 A. Yes. Yes.

4 Q. What did you do?

5 A. I told girls I'm a lawyer to impress them.

6 Q. What do you mean by that?

7 A. I -- meaning I was trying to impress girls, I told them I'm
8 an attorney so they think that I'm a very educated person so --
9 I felt that this would impress them.

10 Q. How did you tell them that; in person, through another
11 form?

12 A. Could be that I was in -- I put up on a dating site. I
13 would put successful attorney. And I would tell them verbally
14 as well.

15 Q. Do you currently present yourself to women as a lawyer?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Is it possible that there are sites that still exist that
18 list you as a lawyer?

19 A. Possible.

20 Q. And have you ever presented yourself as a lawyer in any
21 other way?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What did you do?

24 A. Initially when I started, I just put up -- I created a
25 website, and the wording of it sounded like I am a lawyer, and

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1 I was told that you cannot present yourself as a lawyer and I
2 should take it down.

3 Q. Who told you that?

4 A. It was Earl David and somebody else in the office. I can't
5 remember the name.

6 Q. And did you take it down?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How long was it up for?

9 A. Couple of weeks.

10 Q. Approximately during what time period?

11 A. I would say sometime in 2002.

12 Q. And are you still online? Do you still use any online
13 presence?

14 A. I'm on Facebook, yes.

15 Q. And how do you list yourself on Facebook? Well, let me
16 take a step back.

17 Do you go by any other names other than Robert
18 Salomon?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What names?

21 A. Sam Salomon.

22 Q. Is that the name most people know you by?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you go by any other first names?

25 A. Shmuel, in Jewish they call me. But most people call me

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1 Sam.

2 Q. Okay. And on Facebook, do you list yourself as Sam
3 Salomon?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you spell it S-A-L-A-M-O-N?

6 A. No.

7 Q. How do you spell it?

8 A. S-O-L-O-M-O-N.

9 Q. Why do you do that?

10 A. To hide my arrest. There is a record on Google. I didn't
11 want anybody to know.

12 Q. Have you ever received any tickets related to driving?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And did you ever lose your license in connection with that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Tell me what happened.

17 A. I was talking on the cellphone probably twice, and I paid
18 one ticket. I didn't know there was another ticket
19 outstanding. And I was involved in a fender bender, and the
20 officer said, "Do you know your license is suspended?" I said
21 I did not know. He said, "You paid the ticket?" I said yes.
22 He said one ticket was paid, the other one is not paid, and he
23 said go pay the ticket, and he gave me a ticket for no license.
24 And I went the next day and I paid the ticket and I got back my
25 license.

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1 Q. And was there any formal charge against you in relation to
2 that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. So turning back now to the immigration fraud, are you
5 familiar with an individual named Earl David?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who is Earl David?

8 A. Earl David was the one that was at that time head of the --
9 he was the lawyer for that immigration office.

10 Q. When you say at that time, what time are you talking about?

11 A. When I met him, was in 2001.

12 Q. How did you meet him in 2001?

13 A. He had called me up that he needs a copy machine.

14 Q. Why did he call you for a copy machine?

15 A. I used to be in the copy machine business and I used to
16 sell copiers, so I got a phone call from him, "Please come
17 down. I need a copy machine."

18 Q. Did you know him at that time?

19 A. Personally, no.

20 Q. Had you heard of him?

21 A. I may have seen his name once or twice in my office on a
22 message.

23 Q. So he called you and he says he wants to get a copy
24 machine, and what happens next?

25 A. I went to his office.

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1 Q. Where was his office?

2 A. On Wall Street.

3 Q. Do you remember the address?

4 A. 110 Wall Street.

5 Q. And what happened next?

6 A. I went upstairs and I was looking for him, and finally I --
7 I -- they said -- directed me over there, Earl David is there,
8 and I walked in, and he said, "Hey, what's going on?" I said,
9 "I'm here to sell you a copy machine." "When can you deliver
10 it?" I said, "Probably the next two days." "How much is it?"
11 I think it was \$4500. He gave me a check for \$4500 and said
12 it's for the machine. And he said, "By the way, I need you to
13 sign something." I asked him, "What do you want me to sign?"
14 So he said, "Do you remember years ago you signed you were
15 looking for technicians and salespeople?" I said, "I remember
16 something. It was years ago." He said, "Well --"

17 Q. Let me stop you there. Did you know what he was talking
18 about when he said you had signed something years earlier?

19 A. Not right away until he told me what I signed, so my
20 recollection going back, I said yes, I remember.

21 Q. And what had you signed years earlier?

22 A. That we were looking for technicians.

23 Q. And how did you come to sign a document saying you were
24 looking for technicians?

25 A. A coworker approached me in the office and told me if

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1 you'll sign that you're looking for technicians. I said yes,
2 I'm looking for technicians. I'll pay \$300 for each signature.

3 Q. And so your coworker -- you signed and your coworker paid
4 you \$300 for your signature?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what happened after you signed those documents?

7 A. Paperwork started coming from the Department of Labor to my
8 office, where we had the copy machines, and my father was the
9 main owner, I was only a 10 percent partner in the company, and
10 he said, "What is this?" And I said, "No, it's something we're
11 looking for workers. It's not a problem." He said, "Still, I
12 don't want to have nothing to do with paperwork. Please cease
13 it and stop it." So I just threw it in the garbage, and that's
14 the last thing that I heard of that, at that time.

15 Q. And that was approximately when?

16 A. I would say sometime 19 -- 1998, 1999.

17 Q. So now going back to 2001, Earl David reminds you of the
18 papers you had signed before, and then what happens?

19 A. So he tells me, "There's an amnesty right now, I've got to
20 at least file the paperwork, and I want you to sign." So I
21 re-signed them and he gave me a check for \$1200.

22 Q. And the check for \$1200 was for what?

23 A. For signing \$600 for each signature.

24 Q. And when was the next time you talked to Earl David after
25 that?

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1 A. I would say two days later.

2 Q. What was your conversation two days later?

3 A. When delivering the copy machine and then he wanted to also
4 have a conversation, "Do you know other companies who are
5 looking for people, to hire people?"

6 Q. If you know them, what?

7 A. That I could make money. He'll pay me.

8 Q. Earl David would pay you to do what?

9 A. To find companies that are looking to hire people.

10 Q. And did you agree to do that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you ever do any other work for Earl David other
13 than looking for these people to sign documents?

14 A. Yes. Eventually I started opening up cases, speaking to
15 clients, and continuing working at his office.

16 Q. How long did you work in the office on this
17 immigration-related work?

18 A. I would say 2001 till 2009.

19 Q. What happened in 2009?

20 A. 2009, January 14 or 15 -- I don't remember exact date -- I
21 got a knock on my door saying, "Good morning," and I got a
22 subpoena from the government. And at the same time I called up
23 my coworker Lipa Teitelbaum, and his wife picked up the phone
24 and said he was being arrested. And I also heard that the
25 government went to the office and raided the office, the old

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1 offices that Earl David had, including mine.

2 Q. So at that point was that the end of that -- the office
3 functioning with the immigration work?

4 A. Yes.

5 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could put on the screen
6 Government Exhibit 58, which I believe is in evidence.

7 (Pause)

8 Q. I'm approaching with Government Exhibit 58. Do you
9 recognize that photograph?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. The law firm, 110 Wall Street.

13 Q. And does that photograph fairly and accurately -- what part
14 of the law firm is this, or the office?

15 A. It's the building where the office is located.

16 Q. And does it fairly and accurately represent the building as
17 it looked when you worked there?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit
20 Government Exhibit 58.

21 MR. GERZOG: Without objection.

22 THE COURT: Received.

23 (Government's Exhibit 58 received in evidence)

24 Q. And while we're getting it up on the screen, where was the
25 law firm in this building?

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1 A. On the 21st -- 21st floor.

2 Q. And how many people were working there when you first went
3 there?

4 A. I would say at least 15.

5 Q. What were the roles of the various people who were working
6 there at that time, in general?

7 A. In general, I -- a lot of clients came from different
8 countries to gain legal ac -- to get legal status, so there
9 were Turkish people, there were Polish people, there were
10 Russian people, there were Jewish people, there were Spanish
11 people, so each person that knew a language, Polish dealt with
12 the Polish client, somebody that knew Hebrew dealt with the
13 Israeli clients, so forth, so there was a lot of people dealing
14 with different people that came from that -- from certain
15 countries.

16 Q. And were there -- people dealing with clients that you just
17 mentioned of different languages, were they lawyers?

18 A. No, they were not.

19 Q. But there was a lawyer.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And who was that?

22 A. Earl David.

23 Q. What was his role?

24 A. He was also dealing with clients, doing paperwork, opening
25 up cases, guiding everybody what to do, how to -- speaking to

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1 clients.

2 Q. And when did you start working -- at some point did you
3 start working full time at the office?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And approximately when was that?

6 A. End of 2001.

7 Q. And did you sit on the 21st floor as well?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you remain on the 21st floor the whole time you were
10 working in this building?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Where did you go?

13 A. Went down to a different floor.

14 Q. What was on that different floor?

15 A. It was -- I had my desk over there and it was less crowded,
16 because it was very crowded on the 21st floor, and I told
17 Earl David I can't work in these circumstances, this
18 environment, it's too crowded, so I went downstairs in
19 another -- with another coworker downstairs to a different
20 office.

21 Q. Who did you go downstairs with?

22 A. It was me, Lipa Teitelbaum, Libby Vago, David Grynsztajn,
23 Martha Martinez.

24 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you some more exhibits.

25 Showing what has been admitted as Government Exhibit 6

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1 and 6A, and 9, 9A, B, 24, and 24A, 7 and 7A and 26 and 26A.
2 Just take a look at these and let me know if you recognize
3 these people.

4 A. Earl David.

5 Q. Go to anyone you'd like.

6 A. Libby Vago.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. David Grynsztajn.

9 Q. You can keep going.

10 A. Martha Martinez. And Leo Teitelbaum.

11 Q. And if you could tell me what the role -- you talked about
12 Earl David. If you could just describe, did he go by --

13 A. He went by Leo Teitelbaum and Lipa Teitelbaum.

14 Q. And if you could just describe briefly the role of each of
15 these four people.

16 A. Libby Vago was my assistant and also assistant of Earl
17 David; David Grynsztajn worked downstairs in the office dealing
18 with Polish clients; and Martha Martinez was my secretary
19 dealing with Spanish clients; and Lipa Teitelbaum was opening
20 up his own cases together with me and assisting me.

21 MS. ECHEMBERG: Okay. And the government moves to
22 admit Government's Exhibits 7 and 7A and 26 and 26A.

23 THE COURT: Received.

24 (Government's Exhibits 7 and 7A and 26 and 26A
25 received in evidence)

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1 Q. Was there anyone else working on that floor with you?

2 A. It was David Grynstajn's secretary. I think her name was
3 Amy.

4 Q. And if you remember, who was up on the other floor?

5 A. Earl David, of course.

6 MR. GERZOG: Time period, your Honor?

7 A. Mohammed --

8 Q. If we could focus on the time period that you were working
9 at 110 Wall Street, that entire time that you were there.

10 A. I worked on Wall Street from 2000 -- end of 2001 I was
11 there until 2000 -- I would say June, July of 2006.

12 Q. Okay. So to the best of your recollection who else was
13 working at 110 Wall Street up on the 21st floor during that
14 2001 to 2006 period?

15 A. Okay. A guy named Mohammed, Moin Act (ph), Alex.

16 Q. What's Alex's last name?

17 A. I don't know his last name, but he was doing cases and also
18 doing taxes afterwards.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. David Grynstajn, Ali Gomaa, Josh Flam, Amir Hussein (ph),
21 Libby Milano (ph), Linda, Gulay Cibik, Rafi Brodjik. Maybe
22 there's more. I can't remember all the names right now. If
23 you would show me picture, I would be able to identify them.

24 Q. Okay. So let's focus on the people you've mentioned
25 already. You mentioned Gulay Cibik.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Would you recognize Gulay Cibik if you saw her again?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And if you could look around and tell me if you see
5 Ms. Cibik in the courtroom.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. If you could describe where she's sitting and an item of
8 clothing she's wearing, please.

9 A. Second row in the second seat to the right, to my right.

10 MS. ECHENBERG: Let the record reflect the witness has
11 identified the defendant Gulay Cibik.

12 Q. You also --

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 Q. -- mentioned Refeal Brodjik. Would you recognize him if
15 you saw him again?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And if you could look around the courtroom and let me know
18 if you see him in the courtroom.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If you could again describe where he is and an item of
21 clothing he's wearing.

22 A. In the second row, the fifth seat to the right.

23 MR. GERZOG: Identification acknowledged, your Honor.

24 Q. Okay. So let me show you a few more pictures.

25 Okay. I'm putting in front of you Government

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1 Exhibit 22, 30, 12, and 25. If you could again just walk
2 through these and tell me who they are.

3 A. Ali Gomaa.

4 Q. Go ahead.

5 A. Alex. David Vago. And Josh Flam.

6 Q. And if you could again just explain to the jury the roles
7 of these four people that you've just identified.

8 A. Ali Gomaa mostly catered to Arab, Middle Eastern people.

9 Alex, he would cater to mostly Russian, I would say. David
10 Vago was an accountant, created false tax returns for the
11 company, for law firm. And Josh Flam was also doing -- opening
12 cases to different clientele.

13 MS. ECHENBERG: And the government moves to admit
14 Government Exhibits 12 and 25 and the accompanying nameplates.

15 MR. GERZOG: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Received.

17 (Government's Exhibits 12 and 12A, 25 and 25A received
18 in evidence)

19 Q. So if you could describe what types of immigration work the
20 firm was doing.

21 A. Clients would come in and would say, "I need to -- I need a
22 green card. How do I get legal in the country?" So we would
23 tell him he would need a sponsor first, a company that would
24 say that they would hire him, and they would work for him and
25 they wouldn't go on public assistance, Medicare, or food

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1 stamps. And they would have to show experience. They have to
2 be a skilled worker, wouldn't be able to be just a driver or
3 limo driver, something, a skilled job that they do to qualify
4 for the green card.

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1 BY MS. ECHENBERG:

2 Q. Why did they have to have a skilled job?

3 A. That's what the government required.

4 Q. And did most of the clients that came to your firm have a
5 skilled job?

6 A. I would say, I would say they didn't have the experience.
7 They might, they knew maybe about it, but I don't think they
8 ever worked in that field.

9 Q. So what would the firm do?

10 A. We would create false experience letters. And if they
11 didn't have a sponsor, we would provide them with a sponsor.

12 Q. How often would a client come to the firm and not have a
13 sponsor?

14 A. 90 percent of the time they didn't have a sponsor.

15 Q. So what would you do or what would the firm do?

16 A. We had certain amounts that we would charge somebody that
17 have a sponsor, that have the employer that wanted to sponsor
18 them for a green card, we had one fee, and much -- it was a
19 higher fee for someone that didn't have a sponsor and the law
20 firm had to provide a sponsor.

21 Q. When you say the law firm had to provide the sponsor, what
22 do you mean by that?

23 A. That means we pay off employers to claim that they are
24 hiring workers, and we use that sponsorship to file the
25 paperwork with the labor department.

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1 Q. And other than getting green cards through the employer
2 sponsorship, was there any other type of immigration
3 applications that the firm worked on?

4 A. Yeah, we did for a while religious workers.

5 Q. And what's religious workers?

6 A. It's an R1, it's called, that somebody has studied certain
7 amount of years and there is a school that wants to sponsor
8 them as a teacher, sponsor them as a teacher, and most of them
9 didn't have any experience. They weren't that religious that
10 they have the religious schooling from a school abroad like
11 Israel.

12 Q. What would the firm do in connection with those
13 applications?

14 A. Also create false experience letters. I would say that
15 they had schooling, that they attended schools.

16 Q. And did the firm work on any other types of immigration
17 applications?

18 A. Marriages, a person would come in and say I'm going to
19 marry an American citizen. The marriages might have been real
20 and legit, but still they had to be qualified under the
21 amnesty, we have a case filed in April 30, 2001, which they
22 didn't have, so we provided that.

23 Q. When you say you provided that, what do you mean?

24 A. We altered the labor certification, the final determination
25 papers showing -- claiming it's showing that supposedly they

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1 had a case filed in April 30, 2001, which they did not.

2 Q. Did the firm work on any other types of immigration
3 applications?

4 A. Extraordinary ability.

5 Q. What's that?

6 A. The government, in order to not to go through the labor
7 process, which is a long and lengthy process --

8 Q. And that's the first type of application you were just
9 talking about?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. They went, this particular process went straight to
13 immigration. It was much faster for a person to get first
14 permission to work.

15 Extraordinary ability is a person that has abilities,
16 it would be somebody that knows how to sing, top singer out of
17 2 million people in the world and is famous, very famous in
18 other countries and is coming here to get to get some kind of
19 legal status. The government would provide a legal status for
20 a person that has beyond talent that any other person, one in a
21 million, one in 2 million, I would say.

22 Q. Did you have clients like that, that had these
23 extraordinary abilities?

24 A. No.

25 Q. So how is the firm working on extraordinary ability

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1 applications?

2 A. I did not personally work on them, but I know they have
3 been filed in the company, extraordinary ability.

4 Q. Who works on these applications?

5 A. Gulay Cibik.

6 Q. Anyone else?

7 A. I can't remember anybody else.

8 Q. How do you know that Gulay Cibik worked on these
9 applications?

10 A. Because she told me, Earl David told me.

11 Q. Turning back to the initial agreement you had with Earl
12 David to recruit employers, what did you do?

13 A. I would go over to friends, mutual friends, and say if
14 you're willing to say that you're willing to hire a worker, I
15 will pay a certain amount of money for every approval you get
16 from the labor department.

17 Q. And how much would you pay them?

18 A. Depends, sometimes 400, between 400 and \$500.

19 Q. And typically how would you pay them, in what form?

20 A. Typically it would be in cash.

21 Q. And you said you approached friends and mutual friends?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What do you mean by mutual friends?

24 A. A friend that knows a friend. I would call up a friend who
25 knows somebody in the construction field. Again, I needed

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1 companies that had -- that did construction in order to come up
2 with a skilled worker. I didn't call car services or services
3 like that because it had to be strictly somebody that has a
4 skilled job.

5 Q. So you looked for people in the construction business, any
6 other types of businesses?

7 A. I would say catering business, cooking, mechanics.

8 Q. And would you approach -- what size business would you
9 approach?

10 A. Usually small businesses.

11 Q. Why is that?

12 A. Because I know small businesses -- a company would be doing
13 a lot of business, they don't need my \$500 to get involved in
14 some kind of -- in sponsoring people.

15 Q. And what in general would you say to these friends or
16 mutual friends that you would approach to be sponsors?

17 A. Excuse me?

18 Q. What would you say to them, these friends or mutual
19 friends, that you would approach to present the idea of being
20 paid to be a sponsor?

21 A. I would say as long as you say that you want, you're
22 looking to hire people, you won't have a problem, and I'll pay
23 you every time you get an approval. I will pay a certain
24 amount of money, if it was 400 or \$500, depending on the person
25 or the time or the sponsor.

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1 Q. And was it your understanding that these small businesses
2 were looking for workers?

3 A. No.

4 Q. How long would a sponsor that you were paying typically
5 stay involved in being a sponsor?

6 A. I would need them to be involved over time to use the
7 company because they used to get the correspondence from the
8 labor department and from immigration.

9 Q. And did anyone you approached to be a sponsor say they were
10 not interested?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did anyone who agreed to be a sponsor later change their
13 mind?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what were those circumstances?

16 A. I -- we would get the letters from the Department of Labor
17 stating Mr. So and so did not authorize to sign, did not
18 authorize to file any application for this company. That was
19 twice we got letter from the labor department.

20 And I got a phone call once from someone saying,
21 listen, Sam, stop this. I don't want to hear nothing about it.
22 I don't want to get one more piece of mail from the U.S.
23 Department of Labor or immigration or I will call them up.

24 Q. So let's start with those two letters.

25 You said you got two letters from the Department of

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1 Labor. Is that about two different sponsors who said they
2 didn't authorize it?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So let's break it down. Who was the first sponsor who you
5 got that letter in connection with?

6 A. A friend of mine gave me -- his name is Jacob Koenig -- he
7 gave me a mechanic shop in Brooklyn. And we got a letter in
8 the mail from this mechanic shop together with the paperwork
9 from the Department of Labor. Department sent the letters and
10 they sent the copy that he wrote on, I did not authorize this
11 application.

12 So we called him up and he said you want me sponsor
13 anyone, it's going to be \$20,000 a pop. So I said forget it.

14 Q. So let me make sure I understand. You said you got the
15 mechanic shop from Jacob Koenig?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who is Jacob Koenig?

18 A. A person that I told him to bring me companies, if he knows
19 of companies that are looking to hire people supposedly, and I
20 will pay him a certain amount. From that amount, he has to pay
21 the company as well.

22 Q. So initially Earl David asked you to go out and look for
23 sponsors and then later you had other people going to find you
24 sponsors as well?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And did you continue to recruit sponsors yourself?

2 A. I directed sponsors, I didn't deal that much, but I dealt
3 with like 15, 20 companies of people, yeah.

4 Q. You had other people like Jacob Koenig going out to find
5 sponsors as well?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So Jacob Koenig recruited a mechanic, told you about it,
8 and then you later heard through a letter that that mechanic
9 was saying it was not --

10 A. Not I heard. I saw the letter. Earl told me what's going
11 on.

12 Q. Did you reach out to that mechanic?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what was that conversation?

15 A. I did not reach out personally. I was in the car when Lipa
16 Teitelbaum called him up and Lipa said the guy wants \$20,000
17 for each signature.

18 Q. So what did you do?

19 A. I ceased it, I stopped it.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Can we just clarify? There was a
21 letter. Was that letter a letter that the mechanic sent to the
22 Department of Labor?

23 THE WITNESS: Correct.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 Q. So the mechanic sent a letter to the Department of Labor

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1 saying I did not authorize sponsorship?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. The Department of Labor then sent it to the law firm?

4 A. It was attached to copies of the whole labor application
5 and the cover sheet was please -- not the cover, the second
6 letter -- please see second page and looked at the second page,
7 it was not authorized.

8 Q. It was at that point that Lipa in your presence reached out
9 to the mechanic?

10 A. The next day.

11 Q. And what was the other letter that you remember, similar
12 letter?

13 A. It was a glass company in Brooklyn.

14 Q. A?

15 A. Glass, glass. They do glass.

16 Q. And how had that company come to be a sponsor?

17 A. Also through one of my -- a coworker, one of my coworker's
18 friends --

19 Q. Who is that?

20 A. -- that I recruited. I don't remember his name. It was a
21 friend of mine, a friend that I used to know.

22 Q. And this was another person like Jacob Koenig who is going
23 out and finding sponsors?

24 A. His first name was Mike. I don't remember his last name.

25 Q. So when you got this letter from the Department of Labor,

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1 was it again attaching a letter from the glass company saying
2 we did not authorize this?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And what if anything did you do?

5 A. We tried calling. I called this guy Mike. I said what are
6 you doing? You're going to put me under over here because the
7 Department of Labor is seeing this is fraud going on here. And
8 Earl David was saying, Sam, this is crazy. I said what should
9 I do? I paid the guy. And whatever. I don't know what he
10 did, so.

11 Q. So what happened?

12 A. We went on. I mean I didn't do anything else with that
13 company.

14 Q. Did you use that company again?

15 A. I wouldn't dare, no.

16 Q. And did you ever use the mechanic company that we were just
17 talking about again after you got the letter from the
18 Department of Labor?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Now focusing on the phone call that you got, tell us what
21 happened.

22 A. I can't remember the name of the person, but I approached
23 him looking to sponsor some people. He said, yeah, how much
24 are you going to make. So I told him how much it is. He got
25 correspondence from the labor and immigration and he called me

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1 up yelling like Sam, you stop this. I don't want to be
2 involved. Please stop.

3 I called right then and there. I said, Earl, please
4 take out this company. Take it out. The guy does not want
5 nothing to do with it.

6 Q. And did you use that company again as a sponsor?

7 A. No.

8 Q. So what did a sponsor need to do in exchange for the four
9 or \$500 that you were paying per approval?

10 A. He had to bring me the original approval from the labor
11 department. If the labor department would call to confirm a
12 certain case number or employee, client, he would have to say,
13 yes, I'm looking for workers and I did sponsor this person, and
14 also bring me all the correspondence that he gets from the
15 immigration and from the labor department.

16 Q. And why did you need to get the original approval?

17 A. We would get original approval. If the labor department is
18 sent copies of the labor approval, they would reject the case.
19 They need the original blue-ish paper. It has a special
20 signature, I would say a water mark on it that would tell them
21 it's the original approval and they wanted the original.

22 Q. Who wanted the original?

23 A. The Department of Labor, the Department of Immigration.

24 Q. The Department of Immigration wanted the original?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you mentioned that you recruited sponsors yourself.

2 Who were some of the sponsors you recruited?

3 A. Sam Roth, Mayer Weber, Jacob Koenig, Jacob Landau, Arie
4 Flohr, Nathan Schwartz, and Harold Tischler. Might be more but
5 I don't remember right now all the names.

6 Q. Okay. So let's start with Nathan Schwartz. You started to
7 use another name before you said Nathan?

8 A. Nuchem.

9 Q. And why did you say Nuchem?

10 A. Because that's the way I call him, Nuchem Schwartz.

11 Q. Would you recognize Nathan Schwartz if you saw him again?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Would you look around the courtroom and tell me if you see
14 him in the courtroom and let me know where he's sitting?

15 A. In the third row down in the second chair to the right.

16 MR. BRILL: Stipulate to the ID.

17 Q. And would you recognize Harold Tischler if you saw him
18 again?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you see him in the courtroom today?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Could you please identify him by where he's sitting in the
23 courtroom?

24 A. He's on the third row on the fifth seat to the right.

25 MR. GREENFIELD: Acknowledge the identification.

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1 Q. And I'm going to give you a couple more pictures.

2 Who is that?

3 A. Jacob Landau.

4 Q. Who is that?

5 A. Mayer Weber. Jacob Koenig. Arie Flohr.

6 Q. And all of these individuals served as sponsors?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And they were all paid in exchange for their sponsorship?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that's true for Mr. Tischler and Mr. Schwartz as well?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. ECHENBERG: The government offers Government
13 Exhibits 19, 27, 28, and 17 and the corresponding name plates.

14 MR. DONALDSON: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Received.

16 (Government's Exhibits 19, 27, 28, 17 received in
17 evidence)

18 Q. You mentioned that you remained at 110 Wall Street until
19 the middle of 2006; is that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And generally what was your role while you were there?

22 A. I was directing opening up cases, speaking to clients,
23 sending out, directing to send out paperwork.

24 Q. When you say opening up cases, what do you mean?

25 A. A client would come in. I would speak to them on how the

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1 process works. And either I would open it up myself or direct
2 Lipa Teitelbaum or Martha Martinez, my secretary, to open up
3 the case and take down their information and start filing for
4 Department of Labor or immigration.

5 Q. And was there anyone else in the office that was opening
6 their own cases?

7 A. At which location?

8 Q. Let's focus on 110 Wall Street.

9 A. Yeah, there was other people. Everybody else in the 21st
10 floor was opening cases. And David Grynsztajn is opening up
11 cases, Alex was opening up cases.

12 Q. Was Ms. Cibik opening up cases?

13 A. Excuse me?

14 Q. Was Ms. Cibik opening up cases?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And looking up on the board, is there anyone else that's
17 not on the board that was in the office opening up cases?

18 A. I don't remember.

19 Q. But you mentioned there are different fees depending on
20 what a client needed?

21 A. If they had a sponsor or didn't have a sponsor, yes.

22 Q. If they had a sponsor, how much would they be charged?

23 A. \$6,500, approximately.

24 Q. And that would be to get them from beginning to green card?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And how much would they be charged if they needed a
2 sponsor?

3 A. 15,000 to 18,000.

4 Q. Was Earl David physically present in the 110 Wall Street
5 office the entire time you were there?

6 A. Till about 2005, I would say, end of 2005.

7 Q. What happened at the end of 2005?

8 A. He left to Canada. And he also got suspended sometime in
9 2004.

10 Q. Did he go to any other office before he went to Canada?

11 A. He went, while he was suspended, he rented out an apartment
12 a couple blocks away from the office and hiding so they didn't
13 see that he was working while he was suspended from the law.

14 Q. Do you remember where that apartment where he sent up an
15 office was?

16 A. I don't remember the street name.

17 Q. It was somewhere near 110 Wall Street?

18 A. Not far.

19 Q. And then you said he went to Canada?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did Earl David stay involved in the activities of the law
22 firm after he went to Canada?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How long did he stay involved?

25 A. Till the government came to shut us down.

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1 Q. And that was in January of 2009?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How was he able to stay involved from afar?

4 A. By fax, email, phone.

5 Q. And what was his role from afar?

6 A. Filing labor applications to the labor department.

7 Q. When you say filing labor applications, is there a specific
8 document you're talking about?

9 A. Yeah, it's online labor application. It's called PERM,
10 P-E-R-M. And I would not know how to fill it out, so he would
11 do all the filling out. I would fax him the information, he
12 would fax it back and submit it to the labor department
13 electronically.

14 Q. And when you say you didn't know how to fill it out, what
15 do you mean?

16 A. I am not good with paperwork so I don't know how to fill
17 out. I'm good at directing but I'm not good actually
18 paperwork.

19 Q. How would Earl David get the information that needed to go
20 into the PERM?

21 A. We would fax it over to him, mostly by fax, yes.

22 Q. So the information would be retrieved from the client and
23 then faxed to Earl David and he would fill out the online form?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How did Earl David -- was Earl David compensated in any way

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1 for this work that he did from Canada?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How was he compensated?

4 A. He get -- we made up that he's going to get a certain
5 profit from whatever we make in the office. So he got money
6 every single day. If he wouldn't get, he would call me up.
7 But he'd get every day moneys, most of the days he got moneys
8 coming to him.

9 Q. How would he get moneys coming to him?

10 A. Either they would deposit in Code of the Heart account,
11 sometimes he would the charge credit card that Lipa Teitelbaum
12 had that look like credit card sales are coming in from the
13 book and not from the fraud.

14 Q. So let's focus first on the time period while you're at 110
15 Wall Street. How was the money transmitted to him during that
16 time period?

17 A. Rafi Brodjik used to go around and asking every day how
18 much money was made, how much was profited, and he collected
19 the money and he sent it over to Earl David.

20 Q. Who would Rafi Brodjik go around to and ask how much money
21 was made each day?

22 A. Lipa Teitelbaum or his assistant, sometimes Yanki Kahn was
23 there, me.

24 And I ask Earl, am I the only one that has to report
25 to him? He said, no, everybody in the office has to. I left

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1 to Canada and he's responsible to collect money for me.

2 Q. Earl David said he left who in response?

3 A. Rafi Brodjik.

4 Q. Earl David told you he made Rafi Brodjik responsible?

5 A. Yeah. I didn't feel like answering to him, why did I have
6 to answer to him.

7 Q. You didn't feel like answering to Rafi?

8 A. No, because he didn't work for me.

9 Q. Do you know who else, if anyone, he was collecting money
10 from?

11 A. Gulay, I didn't see it but I was told. I was told by Earl
12 he's collecting from everyone in office, David Grynsztajn,
13 Gulay, everybody else.

14 Q. And how long did Mr. Brodjik continue to do this money
15 collection?

16 A. I think sometime in April of 2006, I would say, or before,
17 March.

18 Q. Why did it stop?

19 A. The last time that he told me why, I was driving home with
20 him with Lipa Teitelbaum in the car. He said I'm leaving.
21 This is enough. You guys are lying to me, not telling me how
22 much money. I'm not making no money. I'm not making. And the
23 government went to Gulay Cibik's house now and I'm leaving.
24 I'm out of here.

25 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could put up on the screen

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1 Government Exhibit 3031-4.

2 THE COURT: Just clarify, this last conversation
3 you're talking about, there were three of you in the car?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MS. ECHENBERG: Let me change that. I'm actually
7 going to approach with Government Exhibit 3031 through 9. 3031
8 through 7. 303-1 through 3031-9.

9 Q. And I'm also showing the defendant Government Exhibit 19.
10 Let's start with that.

11 Do you recognize that?

12 A. Yeah. His name is Leiby Walter.

13 Q. And who is Leiby Walter?

14 A. He used to do business and immigration fraud with Lipa
15 Teitelbaum.

16 Q. And what did he do specifically?

17 A. He authored final determination labor papers.

18 Q. Did he do anything else, as far as you know?

19 A. He sponsored people as well, clients.

20 Q. In the same way, being paid to say he was hiring people
21 when he really wasn't?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Does he go by any other names, if you know?

24 A. I think Henry. I'm not sure.

25 Q. Okay. I'm now showing you what's been marked as Government

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1 Exhibit 3031 through 9. If you could just take a moment to
2 look through those, please.

3 Do you recognize those?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What are they?

6 A. Correspondence between Rafi Brodjik and me and Earl David
7 and copy to some of them to Lipa Teitelbaum.

8 Q. Do these correspondence -- do you remember receiving these
9 correspondence?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. GUTMAN: Objection. Do these questions refer to
12 all the documents collectively?

13 MS. ECHEMBERG: Yes.

14 MR. GUTMAN: Could I ask that it be broken down
15 document by document?

16 MS. ECHEMBERG: I'm just trying to expedite things,
17 your Honor, but I can do it document by document.

18 THE COURT: How many are there?

19 MS. ECHEMBERG: There are nine.

20 THE COURT: Do you have a particular objection to any
21 one of them?

22 MR. GUTMAN: Possibly.

23 THE COURT: Why don't we introduce them all at once
24 and then you can do your objection.

25 Q. Do these emails appear the same as when you saw them

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1 initially?

2 A. Yes.

3 MS. ECHEBERG: Government moves to admit Government
4 Exhibits 3031 through 9 -- sorry, 3031-1 through 3031-9.

5 MR. GUTMAN: No objection.

6 THE COURT: Received.

7 (Government's Exhibits 3031-1 through 3031-9 received
8 in evidence)

9 Q. If you could start with Government Exhibit 3031-4, please.

10 MS. ECHEBERG: If we can put that up on the screen as
11 well.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So if you can start from the bottom.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What does that, starting with -- let's start with the
16 language Sammy110wall@aol.com. What is that?

17 A. That's my email address.

18 Q. Is this an email that you wrote?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And if you could read the first two lines.

21 A. "Rafi, Lipa does not know that I am sending you this email.
22 If you want, you can call me or come over and now I have no
23 office cause you called Tischler."

24 Q. And what are you referring to there?

25 A. He is -- he was trying to extort money from me once he

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1 left.

2 Q. Who was trying to extort money?

3 A. Rafi Brodjik.

4 Q. What do you mean by he was trying to extort money from you?

5 A. If you go ahead in the emails, further on, you'll see that
6 money that he was asking me. Once he left, he threatened me if
7 I don't give him certain, if I don't give him money, he's going
8 to call Tischler and tell him that he shouldn't rent me the
9 office.

10 MR. GERZOG: Your Honor, objection.

11 MR. GUTMAN: 403(b), lack of notice.

12 MS. ECHENBERG: About what?

13 THE COURT: What lack of notice?

14 MR. GUTMAN: Can we approach?

15 MR. GERZOG: Apparently, allegedly, other crimes.

16 There's no extortion charged in this indictment.

17 MS. ECHENBERG: Your Honor, I think we should probably
18 approach if you want to discuss it. These emails were
19 produced. They're actually along the same lines as some of the
20 emails we've already looked at.

21 THE COURT: Right. Objection is overruled. Let's go
22 on.

23 Q. If -- so going back to the "no office because you called
24 Tischler," who is the Tischler you're referring to?

25 A. Harold Tischler.

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1 Q. And what are you talking about specifically?

2 A. I had asked -- at that time I was looking to move from 110
3 Wall Street to another location.

4 Q. Why were you looking to move from 110 Wall Street to
5 another location?

6 A. The lease expired.

7 Q. And so where were you looking to move?

8 A. At 17 Battery Place.

9 Q. And what if anything did that have to do with Harold
10 Tischler?

11 A. I didn't have no credit, I didn't have no financials, and
12 Earl was not around anymore to sign any leases. And I needed
13 someone that would sign a lease under his name in order for me
14 to get a lease in another location.

15 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you some photographs.

16 MS. ECHEMBERG: Government Exhibit 60 and 200.

17 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Government Exhibit 60, do
18 you recognize that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What is that?

21 A. That's the office that I rented, leased, at 17 Battery
22 Place, the building.

23 Q. So you were able to ultimately rent that office at 17
24 Battery Place?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Does that picture fairly and accurately represent what 17
2 Battery Place looked like at the time that you had an office
3 there?

4 A. Yes.

5 MS. ECHEBERG: Government moves to admit Government
6 Exhibit 60.

7 MR. GREENFIELD: No objection.

8 (Government's Exhibit 60 received in evidence)

9 MS. ECHEBERG: If we could put that up on the screen
10 briefly. Thank you.

11 Q. You said you needed someone to sign the lease for you?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And did someone ultimately sign the lease for you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. If you could turn now to Government Exhibit 200 which has
16 been admitted. Do you recognize that document?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What is it?

19 A. That's a lease from 17 Battery Place.

20 Q. There should be two pages that are flagged in that
21 document. Can you turn to the first flagged page and this
22 is -- it's not numbered, but it's page 32.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Are there signatures on that page?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Whose signature is on the bottom part of the page?

2 A. Harold Tischler.

3 Q. Did he sign that document?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How do you know?

6 A. He did it in front of me.

7 Q. And what is Fix Anything Construction and Plumbing?

8 A. That's his -- that's one of his companies.

9 Q. And how did he come to sign this document?

10 A. I offered him money.

11 Q. How much money did you offer him?

12 A. I can't remember exact amount, but it was close to \$5,000.

13 Q. If you could turn to the last page of this document, page

14 42 --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- do you see a name and a signature there at the bottom?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you know whether Harold Tischler signed this document?

19 A. No.

20 Q. You don't know?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you have any recollection of how that document came to
be signed?

23 A. I can't remember.

24 Q. And the handwriting on this page, do you recognize that

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1 handwriting?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Whose handwriting is that?

4 A. Mine.

5 Q. Okay. So if we could go back to Government Exhibit 3031-4,
6 please.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So turning back to the email that you wrote, you said "now
9 I have no office cause you called Tischler."

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. But you were ultimately able to rent that office, correct?

12 A. Yeah, but Tischler called me and said this guy Rafi Brodjik
13 called me, I shouldn't rent you an office.

14 Q. But Mr. Tischler, after that call, ultimately decided to
15 rent you the office?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Why did you write this in the email?

18 A. Because at that time it did hurt me that I got the phone
19 call and I wasn't a hundred percent sure that the office was
20 going to be rented.

21 Q. Okay. So if you could read the next sentence, please.

22 A. "I offered you a job. You can make in top what you make
23 from Earl extra 1,000 to \$1,500 a week. You can even fax it to
24 Earl, the PERM" -- which is the online -- "from your house.
25 You kept telling you want to work. I know you have a family to

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1 support. I kept on telling you I'm here to help you. You said
2 when I move, etc."

3 Q. So what did you mean in that sort of long sentence there?

4 A. At that time I told him, you don't have to leave, you can
5 stay. And you don't even have to come into the office and I'll
6 offer you a job. You can work online. You can do your work.
7 And I know you have a family to support, I'm here to help you.
8 And he said he will help me when I move to 17 Battery Place, he
9 will help me as well at one point.

10 Q. Did he end up continuing to work with you at all?

11 A. No.

12 Q. If you could go to the top email now, if you could just
13 look at the date on that email?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What's the date?

16 A. 17 May 2006.

17 Q. And who is this email from?

18 A. Rafi Brodjik.

19 Q. And it says Rafi Bar. Who is Rafi Bar?

20 A. He calls himself Rafi Bar in the email.

21 Q. Do you recognize that email address?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is that an email address you used to correspond with
24 Mr. Brodjik?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. So is this an email he sent you in response to the email
2 below?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So if you could read the first paragraph.

5 A. "Sam, I don't know if you remember, but I am ready to
6 refresh your memory. Two years ago I got a fight with you
7 because Lipa. I tell you in time" -- I mean I'm just reading
8 off what he says. I don't know if it makes sense -- "I tell
9 you in time as Lipa is going to take over all the office, all
10 the office down. He don't care about nothing, only about
11 himself. Two years later 'Lider I was writ'" -- that's in
12 Yiddish -- "this guy don't care about nobody, including you."

13 Q. What's he talking about there?

14 A. He's telling me that Lipa is going to bring the office
15 down, that Lipa doesn't care about nobody and Lipa is very
16 selfish. And, look, two years later, I was right. This guy
17 don't care about nobody, including you.

18 Q. What is "Lider I was writ"?

19 A. Unfortunately, I was right.

20 Q. So "lider" is Yiddish for unfortunately?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And if you could, just look at the rest of the email and
23 just tell me generally -- well, let's skip down to the line
24 that starts "I want from you."

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. If you could read that line, please.

2 A. "I want from you and Lipa the money what supposed to go to
3 my and my family pocket over the last year."

4 Q. What did you understand him to mean there?

5 A. He claims that we did not report the full amount to Earl
6 David, and he got 10 percent of whatever he grossed and brought
7 and sent over to Earl David. So he think -- he thought at that
8 time we cheated him and he wants the money that supposedly he
9 claims that we cheated him off.

10 Q. And was he right that you didn't report the full amount
11 that you were earning to Earl David?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Explain to me what you did.

14 A. I did not report to him, let's say it would come in
15 \$20,000. I would even alter some the retainer showing we only
16 made 10,000 or 15,000. I would not report to him the full
17 amount that we made on certain days.

18 Q. And who were you making this report to?

19 A. I was making it to Rafi.

20 Q. And why would you underreport what were you bringing in
21 from clients?

22 A. Because we were working hard in the office and Earl David
23 is sitting in Canada, so I figured he doesn't have to get the
24 full amount.

25 Q. And so that's what Mr. Brodjik is referring to when he says

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1 the money was supposed to go to "my and my family"?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Because he was getting a percentage of what he collected
4 for Earl David?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Then can you read the next line, please.

7 A. "Sam, it's hard for me to write in English but I hope you
8 understand. I'm not a Tipesh like Lipa thinking."

9 Q. What is "tipesh"?

10 A. A fool.

11 Q. And do you remember Mr. Brodjik having trouble writing in
12 English?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. If you could turn now to what's in front of you, to
15 Government Exhibit 3031-8, please?

16 A. E?

17 Q. Eight.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And looking back at 3031-4, that was on Wednesday, May 17,
20 2006, at 10:02?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And this email is at that same day at 11:39; is that
25 correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And, again, this is an email from Mr. Brodjik to you,
3 right?

4 A. The top one, yes.

5 Q. And the bottom one, which is cut off, is that your email?

6 A. Yeah. I think it was a reply to his writing the last
7 email.

8 Q. Okay. So if you could read what's visible on that page,
9 please.

10 A. "You have a point with Lipa. I have all the expenses, not
11 Lipa, what can I do? And now I have no office as well? We can
12 make money. Call me or email me when you want to sit down.
13 You know I'm the sucker here, how much money goes out from my
14 pocket. Sam, this is Sam, and now we're all F'ed and no
15 office. So let me know."

16 I can't read -- I don't see no further.

17 Q. Okay. What are you talking about there?

18 A. I told him, yes, maybe you have a point. Lipa Teitelbaum
19 is selfish. And I make money, but everybody is sucking off my
20 money at the end of the day.

21 Q. But you were making a lot of money, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So turning to your response, which is above, if you could
24 start reading that as well, and I may interrupt you at points
25 to ask you questions.

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1 A. Which one?

2 Q. The top email. Is that your response to the email below?

3 A. The top is from Rafi to Sammy.

4 THE COURT: His is the one below.

5 Q. Sorry. The top email, is that Mr. Brodjik's response to
6 your email below?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. If you could start reading that, please.

9 A. "Sam, I think I don't have what to sit with you. I tell
10 Lipa before exactly what I want. This is that you don't have
11 office is thanks to 'Achitofel itzot Geber.'"

12 Q. What does that mean?

13 A. I don't know. I can't make out.

14 Q. Okay. If you could keep reading.

15 A. "He tell me do what you want. So far you lost the fun with
16 Alex and the office with Tischler and ask Lipa who is the next
17 phone call."

18 Q. What did you understand that line to mean?

19 A. We had fun with a guy Alex in Florida and he called up Rafi
20 to tell him that Lipa and anybody else that says we're going to
21 give him money or whatever, that it's not true.

22 Q. You said you had fun with this guy Alex, you were teasing
23 him?

24 A. It was Lipa's friend Alex. And Lipa, when he was bored, he
25 used to put him on the phone and just kibitz around with him,

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1 as they say, to have fun.

2 Q. And what did Mr. Brodjik do?

3 A. He called up Alex and says they telling you lies, they're
4 not really going to send money. They don't want to do business
5 with you. Whatever we said, he just said everything is a lie.

6 Q. And were you lying to Alex?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And he said "so far you lost the fun with Alex and the
9 office with Tischler." What is he referring to there?

10 A. That I lost, that he called Tischler not to rent me the
11 office.

12 Q. And "ask Lipa who is the next phone call," what did you
13 understand that to mean?

14 A. That he's going to call the government.

15 Q. Okay. If you could read the next two lines, please.

16 A. "Sam, I am F'ed anyways. I have to sell the house and go
17 back to Israel. And also don't mix Earl in to your business.
18 Earl get very small cut from the big retainers, not even
19 10 percent."

20 Q. What did you understand him to mean there?

21 A. He said I'm screwed anyways, he doesn't care if he's going
22 to call the government or whatever is going to happen because
23 he's going back to Israel.

24 Q. What's in Israel?

25 A. That's his home country.

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1 Q. What's the next line about?

2 A. "Also don't mix Earl into your business. Earl get very
3 small cut from big retainers, not even 10 percent."

4 He's claiming we're cheating Earl. We're not giving
5 him his full percentage.

6 Q. That's in relation to the money Mr. Brodjik was collecting
7 from you and others at the firm?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. If you could go on to the last three lines, if you could
10 read those.

11 A. "If you have expense collect from the people what they make
12 big money in your office. Lipa was making a week what Earl
13 making in a month. Way Earl" -- why Earl, it says way Earl --
14 "has to pay all your expense. Sof mase bemachshva tchila."

15 Q. Do you know what that last line means?

16 A. It means think before you do anything. I think that's what
17 it means. I'm not sure what it means.

18 Q. What language is that in?

19 A. In Hebrew.

20 Q. Do you speak Hebrew?

21 A. Yeah, but I don't understand everything.

22 Q. If we could move on now to Government Exhibit 3031-9.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What is the date and time of this email?

25 A. Wednesday the 17th of May 2006, 15:13 EDT.

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1 Q. And who is this email from and to?

2 A. From me to Rafi Brodjik.

3 Q. And what does it say?

4 A. "I tried making peace with you."

5 Q. What did you mean by this email?

6 A. I was trying to sit down with him, as you saw in the email,
7 to come and either give him a job or do something. I was
8 trying to be as much compassionate as I can.

9 Q. Did you ultimately meet with him?

10 A. No. I met with him, again, we had a rabbinical court. I
11 don't know if it was after this email or before this email, I'm
12 not sure, but I think it was before this email.

13 Q. When you say rabbinical court, what are you talking about?

14 MR. GERZOG: Objection, your Honor. Relevance,
15 hearsay.

16 MS. ECHENBERG: I can try to rephrase. I can come to
17 the side bar.

18 THE COURT: I don't know what you're talking about so
19 it's hard to rule.

20 MS. ECHENBERG: Okay.

21 Q. You said that -- did this dispute go on, this dispute over
22 email, did it continue after these emails?

23 A. Not sure. Again, there was a dispute that we made up to go
24 to a rabbi to see if he's right or wrong. I don't know if it
25 was after this email or before.

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1 MS. ECHENBERG: Your Honor, I'm trying to establish --

2 MR. GERZOG: We better come to the side bar.

3 THE COURT: I think so.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: If you want to hear, you've got to come up
3 a little faster.

4 MR. GREENFIELD: Sorry.

5 MR. GERZOG: Mr. Brodjik sued Mr. Salamon in a
6 rabbinical court, a so-called beth din, and --

7 THE COURT: For?

8 MR. GERZOG: For this money that Mr. Salamon allegedly
9 cheated Mr. David out of, and the beth din ruled against him.
10 But the proceedings in the beth din are just going to confuse
11 the jury. It's all hearsay, it's not part of the conspiracy.12 MS. ECHENBERG: I think it goes directly to his
13 knowledge of the fraud. He was trying to get this money.14 THE COURT: I don't think I care what the result in
15 the court was, but I think the fact he sued him in a rabbinical
16 court is certainly part of the story here. I mean.

17 MR. GERZOG: I mean the only way --

18 THE COURT: I think, great, you go to rabbinical court
19 to recover moneys obtained through fraudulent activity.

20 MR. GREENFIELD: How do you say clean hands in Hebrew?

21 MS. ECHENBERG: I told you this would be some fun
22 stories.

23 MR. DONALDSON: They need this in Harlem.

24 MR. GERZOG: All right. Mr. Gutman says I should
25 withdraw my objection. I'll defer to him.

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Salamon - direct

MR. GUTMAN: Your Honor, I don't have to do it now, but at some point I'd like to elaborate on the 404(b) objection.

THE COURT: That somebody as part of the events in the case threatens somebody else to get money is not a 404(b) problem.

MS. ECHEBERG: This is exactly how this conspiracy operated.

THE COURT: This is like going forward. This is not something that happened in the past.

MR. GUTMAN: The characterization of it as extortion
is a spin on what's --

THE COURT: Extortion is a word both in the criminal law and a word in English, not necessarily evoking the full panoply of prosecutorial consequences. The word threaten also appears in the criminal law and it appears in English.

MR. GERZOG: I'll talk to Mr. Gutman about this. I think I may persuade him to withdraw his objection because of what I'm going to do on cross-examination.

MR. DONALDSON: I think that's working together.

MR. GUTMAN: Great minds don't think alike.

THE COURT: It's evidence. Whoever thinks alike on evidence.

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Salamon - direct

1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: Please proceed.

3 BY MS. ECHEMBERG:

4 Q. Mr. Salomon, you mentioned before we took the short side
5 bar that there was a rabbinical court involved in connection
6 with this dispute that we've been reading emails about; is that
7 right?

8 A. We went, we both agreed --

9 Q. Is it right, there was a rabbinical court involved?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How did, first of all, what is a rabbinical court?

12 A. We went to a rabbi. We called, we both agreed to go to a
13 rabbi to have the dispute ruled on by this particular rabbi.14 Q. And if you could explain to the jury what is a rabbinical
15 court because it may not be something they're familiar with.16 A. Usually a rabbinical court is you go to a rabbi or three
17 rabbis and you say your dispute and your claims and they all
18 decide or the rabbi decide what's wrong, what's fair, and who
19 is right and who is wrong.20 Q. And why go to a rabbinical court as opposed to a court like
21 this?22 A. We try to settle our things in the Jewish -- in front of a
23 Jewish rabbi.24 Q. And how did you and Mr. Brodjik come to go to rabbinical
25 court in connection with this dispute?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. We both agreed and I told him it's okay to go to this
2 particular rabbi, let's go ask him. And whatever he says, are
3 you going to agree to the ruling? Hundred percent he said.
4 Let's both go. Let's sit down. I'll tell him my claims, you
5 tell him your claims. And I went there, Lipa Teitelbaum was
6 there, rabbi was there, Rafi was there.

7 Q. In general, what did you present to the rabbi?

8 A. I presented that Rafi does not work for me directly, so if
9 he have any claims, he should go to Earl David.

10 Q. And what did Mr. Brodjik present to the rabbi? If you
11 remember.

12 A. He said to the rabbi that because him not reporting the
13 full amount of cheating Earl David, he has a loss from that.

14 Q. He said that because you weren't reporting the full
15 amount --

16 A. To Earl David.

17 Q. -- that Mr. Brodjik had a loss from that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what was -- what happened after you went to the
20 rabbinical court?

21 A. He made a ruling. I ask him should I have it in writing.
22 I did not find the ruling -- that note of the ruling of the
23 rabbi. But it was determined that since --

24 MR. DONALDSON: Objection, objection.

25 THE COURT: Wait a minute. I'm really not interested

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Salamon - direct

1 in what the rabbi found.

2 MR. DONALDSON: Judge, I'm sorry.

3 MR. GERZOG: I have no objection, Judge.

4 MR. DONALDSON: I'll withdraw my objection.

5 THE COURT: You want it?

6 MR. DONALDSON: I'll withdraw my objection.

7 THE COURT: Fine. I'm interested.

8 Q. How did the rabbi rule?

9 A. He ruled that since I did not hire Rafi Brodjik, he cannot
10 come to claims -- I mean to claim anything from me. If he have
11 a problem, he has to deal directly with Earl David. Earl David
12 hired him. If Earl David has a problem, Earl David should call
13 me and ask me why I'm cheating him.

14 Q. And did as far as you can remember, did the ruling of the
15 rabbinical court resolve the dispute between the two of you?

16 A. Again, it was off maybe for a month or two. And, again, I
17 don't -- afterwards I started getting emails from him.

18 Q. So is it your recollection that these emails that we've
19 been talking about came after the ruling by the rabbinical
20 court?

21 A. Again, I'm not hundred percent certain, but I think it was.
22 I can't remember exactly, but I would lean towards more yes.

23 MR. GERZOG: Your Honor, I'm going to object, your
24 Honor, to what he leans towards and strike that answer.

25 THE WITNESS: I can't remember which came first.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. So these emails may have come before the rabbinical court
2 or they may have come after?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. But was the dispute resolved after the rabbinical court?

5 A. I can't remember.

6 Q. If we could turn back to Government Exhibit 3031-5.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. If you could look at the bottom email.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. If you could read that email, and it goes on to a second
11 page and, again, I may interrupt you at points.

12 A. Want me to read it?

13 Q. Yes, please.

14 A. Thursday, May 18, 2006, from Rafi Bar to
15 Sammy110wall@aol.com.

16 "Sam, as you know, I have decided to terminate my
17 relationship with you and the office. The time has come for me
18 to worry about myself and my family. Based on my calculations,
19 over the past year your partner -- you and your partner have
20 directly and indirectly swindled me personally (not to mention
21 Earl) out of at least a thousand to \$2,000 a week. You do the
22 math. My conservative estimate is at least 50 to \$75,000.

23 "As now I am faced with responsibility to find another
24 source of income, perhaps relocate, I am presenting you with a
25 simple question which I need an answer for ASAP. No bullshit,

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Salamon - direct

1 no stories, no excuses. I need to know point blank whether you
2 have any intention of paying me what you owe. This is a yes or
3 no answer. Tell me yes, how much and when. Tell me no, and to
4 get lost. Either way, it is your decision, the consequences of
5 which shall be of your own making. I need to know where I
6 stand and I need to know now.

7 "Don't get me wrong. I am not unsympathetic to
8 whatever issues you have. I have no desire to cause you any
9 problems, but you keep on suggesting that I come work with you
10 and we can make money. I'm sorry, Sam, but that is no longer
11 an option. I have to move on. I am not asking for anything
12 that is not rightfully mine. I have sat back for long enough
13 watching everyone look after themselves and line their own
14 pockets at my expense and the expense of Earl. This is not an
15 environment that I feel comfortable working in. I want out.
16 And I want what is mine, what you deducted from my packet.

17 "This is not an issue of making peace. I hold no
18 grudges, but I am entitled to what I am entitled and it is
19 entirely your decision whether you will do what is right. We
20 cannot -- we can part ways as friends or not. I have my
21 responsibilities to do. I have to do and you have yours. But
22 I need to know now what your decision is. My future option
23 depends on this, and I will appreciate the courtesy of an
24 answer."

25 Q. What did you understand this email to be about?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. That he wants the 50 or \$75,000. Otherwise, like he's
2 saying, it's my option, it's your decision, and the
3 consequences shall be yours.

4 Q. If you turn now to 3031-6. If you could read this email,
5 please, and first go through the date and time.

6 A. I'm looking for the document.

7 Q. 3031-6?

8 A. Yes, I have it. It's from Earl David. Subject, "when is
9 enough." Sent to Rafi Brodjik, and I was copied on the email,
10 Sammy110wall@aol.com.

11 Q. And what's the date and time of this email?

12 A. May 19, 2006, at 3:44.

13 Q. Okay. Actually, if we could go back for a moment to
14 3031-5.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I realize I just skipped what's above. If you could go
17 above the email that you read --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- what if anything did you do with that email after you
20 received it?

21 A. I think I forwarded it to Earl David.

22 Q. And what did you say?

23 A. "Earl, again, you hired him. You told about the
24 10 percent. You give him his share. I have nothing with him.
25 He never worked for me. He worked for you, not for me. Cause

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Salamon - direct

1 soon I'll be out as well."

2 Q. Okay. If you could look now, go back to 3031-6.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And if you could read that.

5 A. "You should always remember that we are fellow Jews. It
6 looks to me that fighting will lead to catastrophe
7 consequences. Just remember about the temple. If that could
8 be destroyed and God's presence was there. Would you two just
9 wonder just for a second the end of you turning into situation.
10 Read the Tochecha and see our end if we cannot have peace.

11 "I try to go to shul almost every day and pray from my
12 heart for peace. My only desire is to help everyone. It looks
13 to me that I made a mistake. From bringing in a person living
14 in a shelter to the office to work with me as well as you two
15 guys. You three people are behaving the same way. Wherever
16 there is fighting and complaining, God stays away from that
17 place.

18 "When there's no unity, there's no destruction. What
19 a sad feeling that all that I have done for you, all of you is
20 being in vain because it looks like to me that every one of you
21 is never enough as well as it was to Adam and eve. Reason why
22 we are here and became what we are only sinners with a chance
23 to redeem ourselves."

24 (Continued on next page)

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Salamon - direct

1 A. (Continued) "May we all pray to god with truth and
2 sincereness for peace as he wants us to because we are Jewish,
3 aren't we?

4 "I only want to help everybody and I see in return
5 only greed, competition, and envy.

6 "When someone wants to grab everything, in the end
7 there is nothing. Wake up, before it is too late and make an
8 agreement and Shalom.

9 "Didn't we just read vahavta leireacha camocha. If
10 you guys can't love each other, please don't hate each other.
11 Remember you guys are now neighbors, and I'm thousands of miles
12 away, and believe me, I can be further and further away as if I
13 never existed in your lives. Make peace before it is too late.

14 "Whoever is so crazy about quitting, selling a house,
15 leaving the country or just disappearing, just look at your
16 family and see how much baggage you have to pack. It's not as
17 easy as it seems."

18 Q. What is Mr. David talking about in this e-mail?

19 MR. GERZOG: Objection, Judge.

20 Q. What did you understand him to be talking about?

21 A. He's talking to me and to Rafi and to copy to me on trying
22 to make peace and that it's not easy to just pack up a family
23 and go away, we should try to live in peace because of god and
24 we are Jewish people.

25 Q. And did you ultimately make peace with Mr. Brodjik?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you give him any money?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Why not?

5 A. We never came to agreement about money.

6 Q. Okay. Now when you moved -- turning back to 17 --

7 If we could look at the second paragraph in 3031-6
8 that starts with, "I try to go to shul almost every day."

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you see the sentence from "bringing in a person living
11 in a shelter to the office to work with me as well as you two
12 guys"?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you know what -- or who Mr. David is referring to when
15 he says "bringing in a person living in a shelter"?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who is he referring to?

18 A. David Grynsztajn.

19 Q. And why is he saying that?

20 A. Because he was living in a shelter at one point.

21 Q. David Grynsztajn was living in a shelter at one point?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Let's turn back now to 17 Battery Place.

24 Approximately when did you move to that space to work?

25 A. 17 Battery, I would say between July 2006 or June -- June,

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Salamon - direct

1 July 2006.

2 Q. And who moved with you?

3 A. Aleksandra.

4 Q. Who's Aleksandra?

5 A. Polish woman. Urbanek. I don't remember -- I don't know
6 the last name that well, how to pronounce her last name.

7 Q. What do you think her last name is?

8 A. Urbanek, Urbanek. First name is Aleksandra.

9 Q. Showing you what's been marked -- what's in evidence as
10 Government Exhibit 11. Who is that?

11 A. Aleksandra.

12 Q. Is that the person you were just speaking to -- speaking
13 of?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what was her role at the office?

16 A. She used to bring clients to David Grynsztajn. After David
17 Grynsztajn left, she was catering to those Polish clients.

18 Q. When you say catering to those Polish clients, what do you
19 mean?

20 A. Taking care of their cases, following up on the cases,
21 speaking to Earl about the cases.

22 Q. And who else worked at 17 Battery Place with you?

23 A. There was a guy named Sharoni.

24 Q. Anyone else?

25 A. Me, Lipa Teitelbaum, Evelina, Moishe Rosenberg.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Was David Grynsztajn there?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Why was David Grynsztajn not there?

4 A. 'Cause he left.

5 Q. Why did he leave?

6 A. He told me that the government was investigating, he showed
7 me a card from the government, back in 2006, that they're
8 investigating.

9 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Government Exhibit 23, do
10 you recognize that photograph?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who is that?

13 A. My assistant, Moishe Rosenberg.

14 Q. What was Moishe Rosenberg's role at the office?

15 A. He used to do my errands.

16 Q. When you say do your errands, what do you mean?

17 A. Go to the post office, buy me food, buy me lunch, Snapple,
18 anything we needed for office supplies.

19 Q. Did he do anything else for you?

20 A. He helped me send out deadlines.

21 Q. Anything else?

22 A. He sponsored -- not to me directly, but I think he
23 sponsored people with Lipa. I don't know exactly. I wasn't --
24 I can't remember exactly.

25 Q. He served as a sponsor himself?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Again, I can't remember, but I -- I am -- I can't remember
2 how -- if he signed it, but I know he was a sponsor, yes, he
3 sponsored some people.

4 Q. And when did he start working with the law firm?

5 A. I don't remember exact year, but I would say maybe 2004,
6 2005.

7 Q. Do you remember him being at the 110 Wall Street space?

8 A. Yeah, he used to come up, yes.

9 Q. And do you remember him being at 17 Battery?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How long did he stay involved?

12 A. Till 2009, till the government shut down the office.

13 Q. And in relation to sponsors, did he do anything for you
14 related to sponsors?

15 A. He -- again, he -- if I needed to send money to certain
16 sponsor, I would tell him to pick up approvals, to pick up mail
17 from Brooklyn, from the sponsors, and he used to give them the
18 money and I used to give him back later the money.

19 Q. Was there anyone else at 17 Battery that you can remember?

20 A. Working?

21 Q. Mm-hmm.

22 A. Evelina, Lipa, Martha.

23 Q. Martha Martinez you mentioned before?

24 A. Yes, yes.

25 Q. And what happened to the rest of the people that were at

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Salamon - direct

1 110 Wall Street?

2 A. Went to a different location.

3 Q. Where was that location?

4 A. 88 Wall Street.

5 Q. And do you know who went to that location?

6 A. The rest of the people that were upstairs. I don't know
7 exactly who.

8 Q. Do you know whether Ms. Cibik went to that location?

9 A. I was told that yes.

10 Q. Who were you told that by?

11 A. Earl David.

12 Q. And how long did you remain at that location?

13 A. Till about July of 2008.

14 Q. What happened in July of 2008?

15 A. We got evicted.

16 Q. Why did you get evicted?

17 A. Because we didn't specify in the lease that we're going to
18 be doing law -- that it's going to be a law firm, doing law
19 work in that office.

20 Q. The lease was under what company's name?

21 A. Fix Anything.

22 Q. Which was what kind of company?

23 A. I would say plumbing or construction.

24 Q. And were you evicted merely because the name on the door
25 was for a plumbing company, not a law firm?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. That and also they had a lot of clients waiting on -- in
2 the hallways, so they didn't -- they didn't like it.

3 Q. Who didn't like it?

4 A. The landlord.

5 Q. What was the setup of the office?

6 A. Which office?

7 Q. At 17 Battery.

8 A. Came in, to the right there was a waiting room, to the left
9 it was one office where Sharoni was, right afterwards to the
10 left was another office where Aleksandra worked, right next to
11 the left again there was another office where Lipa worked with
12 Evelina. To the right, to the front was my office, and to the
13 left was Martha's partition over there. She had like an
14 office.

15 Q. And you said Mr. Grynsztajn did not come to that new
16 location with you; is that right?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did you have any communication with Mr. Grynsztajn after he
19 left the 110 Wall Street location?

20 A. After he left the office, yes.

21 Q. What was that communication about?

22 A. Trying to extort money from me.

23 Q. What do you mean by that?

24 A. He was threatening me that he was going to call up all the
25 sponsors and tell them that I filed taxes, that the law firm

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Salamon - direct

1 filed tax -- fake tax returns, and he kept on extorting that he
2 wants money, money.

3 Q. Okay. Did you ever give him money?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Approximately how much did you give him?

6 A. I can remember \$1500 for sure. I might have given him
7 more, but what I remember was \$1500.

8 Q. And where did you give him that money?

9 A. I met him downstairs on Water Street in a deli.

10 Q. Did you -- what form was the money you gave him?

11 A. Cash.

12 Q. I'm going to show you some more e-mails, Government
13 Exhibits 601-1 through 601-12.

14 Starting with 601-1, do you recognize this e-mail?
15 And you can -- well, look at it first, tell me if you recognize
16 it. I know it's small.

17 A. Forward from Earl David to sammy110wall.

18 Q. And it's forwarded to?

19 A. To me.

20 Q. Do you remember receiving this e-mail from Earl David?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And is it -- does it appear to be the same e-mail that you
23 received on March 24th, 2006?

24 A. Yes. March 24, 2006, yes.

25 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit 601-1.

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Salamon - direct

1 THE COURT: Received.

2 (Government's Exhibit 601-1 received in evidence)

3 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could put 601-1 on the screen.

4 Q. So the original e-mail at the bottom is to Earl David from
5 whom? Look at the --

6 A. David grin, which is David Grynsztajn, to david110wall, to
7 Earl David.

8 Q. And what's your understanding of what David Grynsztajn is
9 transmitting to Earl David in this e-mail?

10 A. He's telling Earl that he needs by Friday some case numbers
11 from Kolarczyk, Kowalski, various clients.

12 Q. What do you mean by case numbers?

13 A. He needs case numbers, either immigration case numbers or
14 labor case numbers. Each client, each alien gets a case
15 number, assigned a case number, and Earl would have that
16 information.

17 Q. And Mr. David forwards this to you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is he asking you to do?

20 A. Just -- he's telling to Mr. G, he needs your help, see case
21 number attachments.

22 Q. If you could look now at 601-2.

23 And do you recognize this e-mail? Look not at the
24 screen; look at what you have in front of you.

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Is this an e-mail you received from Earl David?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And who is this -- is this another forwarded e-mail?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And does this appear to be -- do you remember this e-mail?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Does this appear to be the e-mail that you received on
8 April 2nd, 2006 --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- at 1:40?

11 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit
12 Government Exhibit 601-2.

13 THE COURT: Received.

14 (Government's Exhibit 601-2 received in evidence).

15 THE COURT: Is this a good time to take our break?

16 MS. ECHENBERG: Sure.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, remember the
18 rules about keeping an open mind and the important rule about
19 not discussing the case and, you know, not engaging in any
20 preliminary deliberations, okay?

21 All right. We'll see you in a half an hour.

22 (Jury excused)

23 THE COURT: Anything to talk about?

24 MS. ECHENBERG: Mr. Salomon, you can step down.

25 (Witness excused)

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Salamon - direct

1 MR. PASTORE: Nothing from the government.

2 MR. GERZOG: Nothing from Mr. Brodjik.

3 May we be excused, your Honor?

4 THE COURT: Of course.

5 (Recess)

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Salamon - direct

1 (In open court; jury not present)

2 THE COURT: All right. There was just one little
3 matter I wanted to raise with everyone. We mentioned -- it was
4 mentioned earlier that one juror, Ms. Thais, told us she had
5 plane reservations for January 30th and at the time that
6 didn't seem to me to be a problem, but it is a problem, and I
7 thought that perhaps at the end of the day I would ask her to
8 stay behind and tell her that realistically her service would
9 not be done by the 29th and essentially tell her, you know,
10 we can excuse her, or if she wanted to stay, you know, as long
11 as she could, that was okay too, but I thought if I kept her
12 here, then I wouldn't start a flood of other jurors, you know,
13 asking.

14 MR. GERZOG: It makes sense. Do we have -- I mean, do
15 we have a sense of really how long the trial is going to go on?
16 Are you going to finish -- are you still going to be directing
17 him --

18 MS. ECHENBERG: We're actually going at a pretty good
19 clip so I could finish my direct today. We'll see. I mean, I
20 would say I'm about a third --

21 MR. GERZOG: And then we have the cross of her -- I
22 mean of him, rather, and then Agent Gordon, and that's it;
23 right?

24 MR. PASTORE: Currently that's all we have. Unless
25 there's some --

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Salamon - direct

1 MR. GERZOG: I mean, she's still not going to make it;
2 you're right.

3 THE COURT: She's not going to make it. There's no
4 way that we can get six summations and charge in by Tuesday,
5 and deliberations? That's just not realistic. She's not going
6 to make it. Now she may be sufficiently invested to want to
7 change her plans, you know, I don't want to force her to leave,
8 but I also don't want to sort of keep her here under what I
9 would feel is sort of false pretenses.

10 MR. GERZOG: Could you just remind me what her name is
11 we're talking about?

12 THE COURT: Thais. The blonde woman who is actually
13 70 years old. Good for her.

14 MR. DONALDSON: She's 70?

15 THE COURT: Yes, she is.

16 MR. PASTORE: Could we ask her her secret?

17 THE COURT: Her secret?

18 All right. We're on the same page, though. That's
19 fine.

20 We'll bring the jury in.

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Salamon - direct

1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: You may continue, Ms. Echenberg.

3 MS. ECHEMBERG: Thank you, your Honor.

4 I believe before the break we admitted Government
5 Exhibit 601-2. If we could put that up on the screen, please.

6 Q. And Mr. Salamon, if you could either look at the version in
7 front of you or, if it's easier, it may be larger on the
8 screen.

9 Is this another e-mail that Mr. Grynsztajn had sent to
10 Earl David that Earl David then forwarded to you?

11 A. Correct, yes.

12 Q. And what is it regarding?

13 A. He's saying that he needs proof of April 30, 2001 for
14 certain deadline.

15 Q. Proof of what?

16 A. Proof that this alien submitted the case back in the
17 amnesty of April 30, 2001.

18 Q. And is this typically how Earl David would be involved with
19 cases, Mr. Grynsztajn would reach out to him for information or
20 to do things and then he would communicate by e-mail or in
21 other ways?

22 A. By e-mail, yes.

23 Q. And did you communicate in other ways?

24 A. With Earl?

25 Q. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 A. By phone.

2 Q. I'd now like you to -- just to expedite things, if you can
3 look at Government Exhibits 601-3, 601-4, 601-5, -6, -7, -8,
4 and -9, 10, 11, and 12, please. If you could just look at all
5 of those e-mails.

6 Are those more e-mails that you -- that are to you?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you recognize these e-mails?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And do they accurately reflect e-mails that you received in
11 the past?

12 A. Yes.

13 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit
14 Government Exhibits 601-3 through 12.

15 THE COURT: Received.

16 (Government's Exhibits 601-3 through 601-12 received
17 in evidence)

18 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could have 601-3 up on the
19 screen, please.

20 Q. And again, Mr. Salomon, is this an e-mail that Mr. David
21 forwarded to you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is anyone else copied on this e-mail?

24 A. Yeah, Rafi Brodjik.

25 Q. And what is the e-mail below that's been forwarded?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. He's forwarding an e-mail from David Grynsztajn where it
2 read, "Not much time left."

3 Q. What did you understand that e-mail to mean?

4 A. He's going to call the government.

5 Q. Turning now to 601-4. Again, this is a forwarded message
6 from who to who?

7 A. Forward message from David Grynsztajn, from Earl David to
8 sammy110wall, which is me, and to Lipa Teitelbaum.

9 Q. What does this forwarded message say?

10 A. He's giving a deadline that 1 p.m., no more, that's when
11 he's calling the government.

12 Q. Do you know whether he called the government?

13 A. I know he was in touch with the government.

14 Q. What do you mean you know he was in touch with the
15 government?

16 A. In 2006, the beginning, he came over to me and showed me a
17 card of one of the government investigators and said, "They
18 came to me and I'm talking to them."

19 MS. ECHENBERG: And if we could bring up on the screen
20 Defendant Brodjik Exhibit 4. Do we have a copy of that?

21 And I'll hand you the copy. We'll have it up on the
22 screen as well.

23 Q. Do you recognize that e-mail?

24 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could just put on the screen
25 starting with Forwarded Message.

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Salamon - direct

1 Sorry. A little bit further down.

2 Up. Thank you. Okay.

3 Q. Okay. So this top e-mail, what's the date of that e-mail?

4 If you want to look at -- if it's clearer in the original.

5 A. All the way on top? January 16, 2013.

6 Q. And the e-mail is from what e-mail address?

7 A. From Rafi Brodjik.

8 Q. Rafi Brodjik's e-mail?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What's that e-mail address?

11 A. Arye1991@yahoo.com.

12 Q. Could you say it again and spell it slower, please.

13 A. Arye1998@yahoo.com.

14 Q. And who is this e-mail to? Do you recognize --

15 A. It's a forwarded message.

16 Q. Well, the very top, it's from Rafi Brodjik?

17 A. To Larry, Jeremy Gutman.

18 Q. Do you know who either of those two people are?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And you said the date. Okay. So now moving down to the
21 forwarded message, it's from who to who?

22 A. It's from Earl David to Leo Teitelbaum and to Sam Salomon.

23 Q. And what's the date of that message?

24 A. April 16, 2006.

25 Q. And who -- going all the way down to the bottom now --

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- who is that message from and to?

3 A. David Grynsztajn.

4 Q. It's from David Grynsztajn?

5 A. Yes, to Earl David.

6 Q. And it was then forwarded to you and Mr. Teitelbaum.

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Do you remember receiving this e-mail?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what is this e-mail about, as you recall?

11 A. It's regarding -- he's threatening, he says no -- if
12 there's no settlement by tomorrow morning, this will be the
13 last Passover holiday in the free world, that he's going to
14 bring down everyone in the office. 'Cause what happened, his
15 clients came -- once he left the office, clients used to come
16 and they used to look for David Grynsztajn, and at one point I
17 asked, just give out his phone number, they were looking for
18 him, his clients, so he got very upset that we were giving out
19 his phone number to clients. I had his cellphone number. I
20 guess he must have --

21 Q. Okay. But what do you understand this e-mail to be about?

22 A. That he's going to bring everyone down if he doesn't have a
23 settlement by a certain date.24 Q. And was it in connection with this and some of the other
25 e-mails that you ultimately provided him with money?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. If you could go now to Government Exhibit 601-6.

3 Do you have that in front of you?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what does it say?

6 A. I'm sending an e-mail to David Grynsztajn.

7 Q. On what date?

8 A. May 7, 2006.

9 Q. I'm sorry. Did we skip over 601-5? We did. If you could
10 turn back to 601-5, please.

11 What's the date of this e-mail?

12 A. May 5th, 2006.

13 Q. And what's going on in this e-mail chain?

14 A. The subject forward from Earl David to David Grynsztajn and
15 me.

16 Q. What is Earl David saying in that top e-mail?

17 A. It says, "Sam says once your threats and blackmail stops we
18 will help you out as a fellow Yid," which means a Jew. "No one
19 will give in to threats. He will also tell Gulay to help you."

20 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could go now to Government
21 Exhibit 601-6.

22 Q. So this is two days later; is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Two days later from what was marked as 601-5; is that
25 right?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes, correct.

2 Q. Okay. And so what are you saying to David Grynsztajn here?

3 A. I'm saying to David Grynsztajn, "Call me when you're
4 downstairs, I'll come down with Lipa."

5 Q. What are you talking about?

6 A. He was extorting money from me, extorting money, pestering
7 me for two, three months, and it kept on, and this is one time
8 I remember I went downstairs and I told him: I'll be
9 downstairs soon to bring you the money.

10 Q. Did you go downstairs with Lipa?

11 A. No.

12 Q. You went down by yourself?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And is this the time you talked about earlier at the deli?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you know how much you gave him?

17 A. At that time, I remember it was \$1800.

18 Q. Okay. Looking now at 601-7, this is a few days later.

19 What are you talking about here?

20 A. "David, I'll call you tomorrow afternoon." That I have --
21 that I'm going to be giving him money.

22 Q. That you were going to be giving him more money?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you give him more money?

25 A. I can't remember a hundred percent, but yes, I -- I know

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Salamon - direct

1 there was another occasion, but I don't remember the date and
2 time or place.

3 Q. If you could turn now to 601-8.

4 If you could read this e-mail that's on 5/16/2006,
5 again, from you to David Grynsztajn.

6 A. "Hi, I have \$1800 as now as a friend I'm giving to you, not
7 'cause I owe you anything. I do not owe you anything but as a
8 friend I'm giving it to you. I have a lot of expenses plus we
9 are all in tuches." Means like we're going down so take your
10 money.

11 Q. Okay. And did you give him this \$1800?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And where did you give it to him?

14 A. As I said, I remember one time I gave it to him at the deli
15 on Water Street. The second time I cannot remember exact
16 location where.

17 Q. And what do you mean, "I'm giving it to you now as a
18 friend, not because I owe you anything"?

19 A. I just wanted to make it clear that I don't owe him
20 anything and I'm not giving it to you because of the threats,
21 I'm just giving to him as a friend.

22 Q. Did he need money, as far as you knew?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And turning now to 601-9.

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Could you please read this e-mail and tell me what you're
2 talking about.

3 A. I sent a message to David Grynsztajn: I'm leaving here
4 very soon, this office, immigration office. I'm going back to
5 my father, settling with my clients. It's dead. I have no
6 money today. I'm having now problems with Rafi. I'm settling
7 with my clients. I'm giving over my files to Aleksandra,
8 Linda, and Sharoni. I have no money tonight.

9 Q. So first, what do you mean, "going back to my father"?

10 A. I used to sell copy machines. I was a salesman for 15
11 years.

12 Q. Were you intending to go back to that work at this time?

13 A. Yeah, what I had in my mind, yes.

14 Q. Did you go back to that work?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Why not?

17 A. The threats stopped I guess with Grynsztajn so I figured
18 things were -- things quieted down, I'll continue.

19 Q. And you said, "I'm having now problems with Rafi." What
20 are you talking about?

21 A. With the office, that he called up Tischler, and I'm also
22 being extorted from his side for money.

23 Q. These are the e-mails we talked about before.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And you say, "I'm giving over my clients to Aleksandra and

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Salamon - direct

1 Linda and Sharoni." Who's Aleksandra?

2 A. Aleksandra, I mentioned her. She's on the board.

3 Q. And Linda?

4 A. Linda was Earl David's secretary.

5 Q. And she was continuing to work at the firm even after he
6 was gone?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And who's Sharoni?

9 A. One of assistants who helped out Earl as well. He worked
10 at my -- at that office.

11 Q. At which office?

12 A. At Battery Place.

13 Q. And also at 110 Wall Street, or just at Battery?

14 A. Yes, yes, but they were in my office.

15 Q. Who was in your office?

16 A. Sharoni was in my office.

17 Q. When you say "my office," what do you mean?

18 A. Aleksandra -- 17 Battery I considered because I separated
19 myself from most of the people, but Earl was still involved in
20 my office.

21 Q. Was Earl still involved in the other office at 88 Wall
22 Street?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How do you know that?

25 A. I -- I spoke to him. He told me what he's doing, he's

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Salamon - direct

1 working with -- who he was working with.

2 Q. Could we go to Government Exhibit 601-10 now, please.

3 What is this e-mail regarding?

4 A. That's another e-mail from me to David Grynsztajn.

5 Q. What are you talking about in this e-mail?

6 A. I just moved offices. I have moved in at that time
7 already, 17 Battery Place. I have \$15,000 in refunds that I
8 have to give to clients. I gave refunds to clients as well.

9 Q. What were you giving clients refunds for?

10 A. They -- if they, after a certain period of time, didn't get
11 any paperwork, permission to work or the green card as promised
12 in the retainer and they came, they said, "Sam, you know, I
13 waited long enough," I would refund them the money. Not the
14 full amount, but I would refund them an amount of money for
15 whatever the retainer agreed.

16 Q. And then you say, "Everyone is waiting for the amnesty, no
17 new clients." What are you talking about?

18 A. Kept on pestering again for money, as I said before, so I
19 had to give him some answer. I just told him, no clients, I
20 have no money, leave me alone.

21 Q. And was that true, you had no money?

22 A. Maybe that day I didn't make money.

23 Q. But in general, did you have money at that time?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And then you say, "Anyways, how are you, what's doing?"

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Salamon - direct

1 A. I was just trying to be nice to him.

2 Q. Could you turn now to Exhibit 601-11.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. This is the same day, another e-mail. You say, "Call me
5 Thursday morning, I'll see what I can do." What are you
6 talking about here?

7 A. Giving him money again.

8 Q. Did you give him any more money at this point?

9 A. I can't remember.

10 Q. And if you look at Government Exhibit 601-12, same day,
11 from David Grynsztajn to you, "Please call David," and then a
12 phone number. Do you know what this is regarding?

13 A. Yeah. He wants me to call him.

14 Q. Did you call him?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you remember what you talked about?

17 A. Again, the only thing I could talk to him at that point
18 that he want -- he was trying to ask me for money and me
19 telling him I have no money.

20 Q. Did you give him any more money after June of 2006?

21 A. Possible. I don't -- I can't remember.

22 Q. When was the last time that you communicated with David
23 Grynsztajn?

24 A. I would say end of 2006 or beginning of -- middle of 2006.
25 Maybe I would say August 2006.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Have you had any communication with him since 2007?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Have you had any communication with him regarding your
4 testimony here?

5 A. No.

6 Q. How long did you stay -- turning back to the offices at 17
7 Battery Place -- actually, before we get there, we were talking
8 before about threats made by Rafi Brodjik to you. Do you
9 remember that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you talked about trying to resolve those threats
12 through a rabbinical court. Do you remember that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you do anything else to try to stop those threats from
15 coming to you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did you do?

18 A. I sent my son, one of my sons to speak to him.

19 Q. Which son?

20 A. David.

21 Q. And how old was David at the time?

22 A. 17.

23 Q. And what did you ask David to do?

24 A. I just explained I cannot take this torture anymore from
25 Rafi, constant e-mails and extortion, extortion, please go and

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Salamon - direct

1 speak to him.

2 Q. Did your son speak to him?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And what, if anything, did he say to him?

5 MR. GERZOG: Objection, your Honor, hearsay.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q. Did the -- did the threats continue after your son spoke to
8 him?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay. Moving on to the offices at Battery Place, you said
11 you were evicted at a certain point. When was that?

12 A. In June of 2006 or July of 2000 -- sorry -- July of 2008.

13 Q. Did you and the people you were working with go to another
14 office after that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where did you go?

17 A. 125 Maiden Lane.

18 MS. ECHEBERG: And if we could bring up --

19 Q. Let me show you --

20 MS. ECHEBERG: One moment, your Honor.

21 (Pause)

22 MS. ECHEBERG: In the meantime why don't we bring up
23 3616, which has been admitted. 3616.

24 Q. Do you recognize this drawing? Let me ask you, do you
25 recognize what this drawing is depicting?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What is it?

3 A. That's the office on Maiden Lane.

4 Q. This is the third office that you moved to in June or July
5 of 2008?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And did you have an office in this layout?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Where was your office?

10 A. Right there at what says F.

11 Q. Did you have a desk in that office?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Where was your desk?

14 A. At what says number 1.

15 Q. And what were the other spaces in the office?

16 A. File cabinets and another desk.

17 Q. And what about C, D, E, A, and B; what were those?

18 A. C was -- there was a table, a desk, I would say, and
19 Evelina was there and Lipa was there, and E was Martha's
20 office, and D was Eugene and other people there.

21 Q. What about A and B?

22 A. A is the waiting room and B was the coat rack or some
23 closets.

24 Q. And did you have a computer at your desk at F1?

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Okay. I'm showing you now what's been marked as Government
2 Exhibit 3044. Actually, I'm showing you 3044 through 3050. If
3 you could just take a look at those.

4 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could bring 3044 up on the
5 screen, please.

6 Q. What is this?

7 A. This is my office on 125 Maiden Lane. Vintage Partners, it
8 says.

9 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could make it -- is it possible
10 to make larger the sign to the right.

11 Q. Who is David Schlachter?

12 A. That was an attorney that I paid that I could use his name
13 for the filing and use -- use his name as the office.

14 Q. What do you mean use his name as the office?

15 A. That he was official attorney in the office.

16 Q. Did he sign documents for you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you pay other attorneys to sign documents for you as
19 well?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And why did you do that?

22 A. I wanted it to be official; otherwise, it looks like
23 there's no lawyer and there's nobody in there. So, you know,
24 for the clients, it was more prestigious if I show there's a
25 lawyer in the firm.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. And did the immigration department and -- also require a
2 lawyer's signature on certain things?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now why didn't Earl David just sign documents if he was
5 still involved?

6 A. He was not a lawyer at that time.

7 Q. So other than David Schlachter, who were the other lawyers
8 that you paid to assist with the fraud?

9 A. Jed David Philwin, Zvi Samuels.

10 Q. Anyone else?

11 A. And David Schlachter.

12 Q. So I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
13 Exhibit 16. Do you recognize that photograph?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who is it?

16 A. David Schlachter.

17 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit
18 Government Exhibit 16 and the accompanying nameplate.

19 THE COURT: Received.

20 (Government's Exhibits 16 and 16A received in
21 evidence)

22 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
23 Exhibit 13. Do you recognize that photograph?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Who's that?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Maritza Diaz.

2 Q. Who was she?

3 A. She was a lawyer working in the firm for Mr. Earl David.

4 MS. ECHEBERG: Oh, sorry. The government moves to
5 admit Government Exhibit 13.

6 MR. GERZOG: No objection.

7 THE COURT: I think it's in evidence already.

8 MS. ECHEBERG: You're right, your Honor.

9 Q. And I'm showing you Government Exhibit 14 and 15. Do you
10 recognize those?

11 A. Yes. Yes.

12 Q. Who are they?

13 A. Jed Philwin and Zvi Samuel.

14 Q. Which one is Jed Philwin?

15 A. (Indicating.)

16 MS. ECHEBERG: And the government moves to admit
17 Government Exhibit 15.

18 Your Honor, the government moves to admit Government
19 Exhibit 15.

20 THE COURT: Received.

21 (Government's Exhibit 15 received in evidence)

22 Q. Okay. So what are the words underneath David Schlachter,
23 Esq.?

24 A. Vintage Partners.

25 Q. And what is Vintage Partners?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. That was one of Harold Tischler's companies.

2 Q. And how did Vintage Partners come to be listed on the door
3 of the firm where you were working?

4 A. Because I leased it under the company name.

5 Q. Did you do that with Mr. Tischler's permission?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Why not?

8 A. Because I paid him \$5,000 to use it already, so I said to
9 myself, why pay another \$5,000.

10 Q. Did you have to sign documents to get that lease?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And whose name did you sign this documents in?

13 A. Harold Tischler's.

14 Q. You forged his signature?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did he -- let me take a step back to 17 Battery Place.

17 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could bring up the picture of 17
18 Battery Place, which is I believe Government Exhibit 60. Yeah,
19 Government Exhibit 60, please.

20 Actually, sorry. Take that down. Let's go back to
21 Government Exhibit 3044.

22 Q. Did Mr. Tischler ever come to this office?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did he ever find out that the company had -- the office had
25 been rented in the name of one of his companies?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When did he find out?

3 A. After they raided my office.

4 Q. And what -- how did he respond?

5 A. How did I respond?

6 Q. How did Mr. Tischler respond when he found out that you'd
7 rented the office in his company's name without his permission?

8 A. He was upset.

9 Q. What, if anything, did he say?

10 A. He said, "Why did you do it?"

11 Q. And did you discuss anything else during that conversation?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did you discuss?

14 A. That he needs to get attorneys, have money for attorney.

15 Q. Why did he need to get an attorney?

16 A. Because he was subpoenaed also at the same time as me.

17 Q. And what, if anything, did you do in response?

18 A. I gave him money for his attorney.

19 Q. How much money did you give him?

20 A. \$5,000.

21 MS. ECHENBERG: Your Honor, I'd like to read a
22 stipulation at this point.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MS. ECHENBERG: This is Government Exhibit S8. And it
25 has the caption of this case, Stipulation, JPMorgan Chase Bank

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1 and the case number. And it reads:

2 "It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between
3 United States of America by Preet Bharara, United States
4 Attorney for the Southern District of New York, James Pastore
5 and Janis Echenberg, Assistant United States Attorneys, Of
6 Counsel, and the below-named defendants by and through their
7 attorneys, that:

8 "If called as a witness, a custodian of records of
9 JPMorgan Chase would testify that Government Exhibits 307 and
10 307-1 through 307-3 and 504 consist of bank records of JPMorgan
11 Chase Bank, which were:

12 "(a) made at or near the time of the occurrence of the
13 matters set forth in the records by or from information
14 transmitted by a person with knowledge of those matters;

15 "(b) kept in the regular -- in the course of regularly
16 conducted business activity; and

17 "(c) made by the regularly conducted business activity
18 as a regular practice."

19 And it's dated January 15th, 2003 [sic], and it's
20 signed by me and counsel for all of the defendants.

21 BY MS. ECHEBERG:

22 Q. Mr. Salomon, I'm showing you what's been marked as
23 Government's Exhibit 504.

24 MS. ECHEBERG: And the government moves to admit
25 Government Exhibit 504.

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Salamon - direct

1 MR. GERZOG: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Received.

3 (Government's Exhibit 504 received in evidence)

4 MS. ECHENBERG: Can we put that up on the screen,
5 please.

6 Q. If we could actually start with the back two pages. The
7 page that starts Business Depository Resolution.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What is United Immigration Services, Inc.?

10 A. That was an account that I had, that I used to pay
11 immigration fees, or my own things from there.

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Salamon - direct

1 BY MS. ECHENBERG:

2 Q. So this was an account you maintained at Chase bank?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did you write checks from this account?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. If we could turn back to the first page. Is this a check
7 you wrote?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is that your handwriting on the check?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Is that your signature?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And who is this check made out to?

14 A. Harold Tischler.

15 Q. Is that the same as the defendant Harold Tischler?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And what was this check for?

18 A. For his attorney.

19 Q. In connection with what you were just discussing?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And was it in relation to anything else --

22 A. No.

23 Q. -- other than his attorney?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And the memo line says "short of advance rent."

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Salamon - direct

1 Why does it say that?

2 A. He didn't want -- I didn't want and I didn't want it to say
3 it went to his attorney.

4 Q. He didn't want it or you didn't want it?

5 A. I didn't want it.

6 Q. Why not?

7 A. I didn't want the government should have any trace that I'm
8 giving money for people for attorneys.

9 Q. And where did this -- and is this all the money you gave
10 him around this time?

11 A. Again, my collection is \$5,000. I cannot remember when and
12 where the time I gave him the rest of the \$1,500.

13 Q. Do you remember whether it was a check or some other form?

14 A. Again, I don't remember. It might have been cash or check.
15 I don't remember.

16 Q. And where did you get that money from?

17 A. From my account.

18 Q. From this bank account?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Were you still earning money through the law firm at this
21 time?

22 A. No.

23 Q. So where did you actually get the money to put into your
24 bank account?

25 A. I had did a bank fraud.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Is that the bank fraud you testified about earlier?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How much money did you access through that bank fraud?

4 A. I would say anywhere between 15 to 20,000.

5 Q. And whose account did you fraudulently get that money from?

6 A. From Lipa Teitelbaum.

7 Q. How did you come to do that?

8 Let me ask you a different question: Why didn't you
9 just ask Mr. Teitelbaum for the money?

10 A. At that time he left or he got arrested and he wasn't
11 talking to me anymore.

12 Q. Why wasn't he talking to you anymore?

13 A. His lawyer, I guess his lawyer told him not to talk to me.

14 Q. Were you able to communicate with him anyway?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How did you communicate with him?

17 A. I used to send a friend.

18 Q. Did you send a friend to ask him for money at this time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who was that friend?

21 A. Nuchem Schwartz.

22 Q. Is that the defendant Nathan Schwartz?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. What did you ask Nathan Schwartz to do?

25 A. He should speak to him how can I get money. The guy has

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Salamon - direct

1 over \$200,000 of my money.

2 Q. Why did Mr. Teitelbaum have over \$200,000 of your money?

3 A. I kept my money by him.

4 Q. Why?

5 A. Since I was getting divorced and I was always missing my
6 safe. For some reason, I was always missing money. So I felt
7 safer by him than sitting in my house.

8 Q. Was it in part that you didn't want your soon to be ex-wife
9 to have access to it?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So you asked Mr. Schwartz to do what exactly?

12 A. To go and talk to him that I need money.

13 Q. Did Mr. Schwartz do that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How do you know?

16 A. Because he came back to me and told me he spoke to him.

17 Q. And what did he tell you, what did Mr. Schwartz tell you
18 about his conversation with Mr. Teitelbaum?

19 A. That he knows I need money but there's nothing he can do
20 right now.

21 Q. What happened next?

22 A. So I told Mr. Schwartz to let him know that I have a way to
23 take out money and see what he says.

24 So he came back to me. He says I spoke to him. He
25 says, listen, if he has a way to take out money from my

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1 account, let him go ahead.

2 Q. What happened next?

3 MR. BRILL: Objection. Judge, may we approach?

4 THE COURT: Okay.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MR. BRILL: It's not that -- if it's not, it hasn't
3 been previously noticed, but there is I believe on the cusp of
4 making an allegation that Mr. Schwartz was involved in
5 attempted or some -- what could be construed as a bank fraud.

6 MS. ECHENBERG: That's right. What he's going to say
7 is that Mr. Schwartz said I have a computer guy coming, he'll
8 come over and we'll make the false checks and Mr. Schwartz was
9 there for it.

10 THE COURT: Who, Mr. Salamon?

11 MS. ECHENBERG: Mr. Salamon went over to
12 Mr. Schwartz's office. Mr. Schwartz had a computer guy who was
13 coming to work that day in his office. They asked the computer
14 guy to place the fake signature onto these checks. They made
15 the fake checks. And then Mr. Salamon went and took out money
16 using those checks. This is, it's all part of the conspiracy
17 as far as we're concerned.

18 MR. BRILL: How is it part of an immigration fraud
19 conspiracy?

20 THE COURT: It's how they're whacking up the money
21 they earned.

22 MR. BRILL: Mr. Schwartz was not whacking up any
23 money. There's no allegation here that Mr. Schwartz got money
24 from this transaction.

25 THE COURT: But Schwartz assisted Salomon.

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1 MS. ECHEBERG: Correct.

2 THE COURT: To get money.

3 MS. ECHEBERG: Right.

4 THE COURT: From Mr. Teitelbaum.

5 MS. ECHEBERG: Right.

6 MR. BRILL: Completely and wholly unrelated to any of
7 the allegations against Mr. Schwartz.

8 MS. ECHEBERG: Mr. Schwartz is part of this fraud.
9 He assisted in many different ways --

10 MR. BRILL: Broader sense.

11 MS. ECHEBERG: -- many ways he assists the fraud and
12 distribution of proceeds.

13 MR. BRILL: It would have been helpful if this were
14 brought up pretrial if they intended to bring this out. They
15 brought up everything else pretrial.

16 MS. ECHEBERG: We were very clear in our 3500 and we
17 always viewed this as part of the fraud and see it as something
18 that needed to be.

19 MR. BRILL: They didn't bring an application to the
20 Court along with all the other applications they brought to the
21 Court with regard to --

22 MS. ECHEBERG: The copier fraud, we agreed, the
23 insurance fraud that your Honor ruled doesn't come in. It was
24 our view this is part and parcel of the fraud and not something
25 that would be considered 404(b).

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1 MR. BRILL: Their theory on copier fraud is it somehow
2 made Mr. Schwartz more inclined to help Mr. Salamon out. Their
3 interpretation of this is somehow part of the immigration fraud
4 is only because --

5 THE COURT: Because the funds involved are the
6 proceeds of the alleged fraud.

7 MS. ECHEBERG: And the copier fraud was prior to
8 Mr. Schwartz's involvement, so it was to explain the
9 relationship and why it made sense he would get involved.

10 Now he's deep in. He's been in it for years now. He
11 knows what's up. He knows the players and he's continuing to
12 assist.

13 MR. PASTORE: Just for the record, it was obviously
14 fronted in the 3500. And Mr. Tischler, after several things
15 were fronted, he made motions to preclude, so it's not --

16 MR. GREENFIELD: What are you talking about?

17 THE COURT: You're an example of good behavior.

18 MR. GREENFIELD: Thank you. I come to life when I
19 hear my client's name.

20 THE COURT: You may proceed.

21 MS. ECHEBERG: Thank you, your Honor.

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1 (In open court)

2 BY MS. ECHENBERG:

3 Q. I think where we left off, you sent Mr. Schwartz back with
4 a message to Mr. Teitelbaum that you had a way to get the money
5 out of Mr. Teitelbaum's account. And the message came back
6 from Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Teitelbaum says if you can do it, go for
7 it.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So what happened next?

10 A. So I was discussing I don't know computers. So Nathan said
11 his computer guy is going to be there tomorrow to fix his
12 computer and speak to him. So I went up to the office.

13 Q. Let me stop you. You went up to what office?

14 A. To Nathan Schwartz's office.

15 Q. And where is that located?

16 A. Route 59.

17 Q. Had you been to that office before?

18 A. Not to my recollection, no.

19 Q. And what happened when you got to the office?

20 A. I met Nuchem over there. The computer guy was there. And
21 I told the computer guy I got permission from Lipa Teitelbaum
22 to put in checks. Here's the signature. Copy and paste in a
23 couple of checks. And at that time, just a couple days
24 later --

25 Q. Let me stop you there. Was Mr. Schwartz present for your

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1 conversation with the computer guy?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And did the computer -- what's the computer person's name,
4 do you remember?

5 A. Simon.

6 Q. Did Simon do what you asked him to do?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And was Mr. Schwartz present when Mr. Simon did what you
9 asked him to do?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. So am I correct that he was basically taking a signature
12 from another check -- whose signature?

13 A. Lipa Teitelbaum's signature.

14 Q. And he was placing it on a check made out to you?

15 A. Blank checks, yeah.

16 Q. And how many blank checks did he place that signature on?

17 A. Four or five.

18 Q. And was Mr. Schwartz present while that was occurring?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. And what happened next?

21 A. I went to the bank.

22 Q. Did you print out the checks?

23 A. I print out the checks and I made out the checks to United
24 Immigration Services.

25 Q. And then what did you do?

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1 A. I deposit those checks.

2 Q. Deposited those checks where?

3 A. In United Immigration Services account.

4 Q. Was anyone with you when you deposited those checks?

5 A. Nathan was outside one time. He dropped me off.

6 Q. But you went into the bank alone and did it?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And that's the bank fraud that you pled guilty to, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, after the office was raided in January of 2009, did
11 you continue to do any immigration work?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did you do?

14 A. I attended some clients that wanted to follow up on a case.
15 And I did two or three clients where they have their own legit
16 sponsors. The owners came over to do it.

17 Q. When you followed up with clients who -- these were clients
18 who had already been working with the firm?

19 A. Yeah, they been coming down knocking down my door, so I had
20 to do something for them.

21 Q. And where were you physically when you assisted those
22 clients?

23 A. At one point I was in Nathan Schwartz's office.

24 Q. And was that the -- when was that in relation to these
25 fraudulent checks?

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1 A. Might have been the same month.

2 Q. How many times did you go to Nathan Schwartz's office to
3 see clients?

4 A. Once or twice.

5 Q. Did you go to anyone else's office to see clients?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Whose office?

8 A. Harold Tischler's.

9 Q. Where is Harold Tischler's office?

10 A. In Brooklyn.

11 Q. Do you know the address?

12 A. 16th Avenue and 54, 55.

13 Q. And how many times you go to his office to see clients?

14 A. Twice.

15 Q. Were those new clients or old clients?

16 A. New clients.

17 Q. And these are clients who you said had legitimate sponsors?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was there anything fraudulent about the work you did for
20 them?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And the clients that you saw at Nathan Schwartz's office,
23 were those new clients or old clients?

24 A. Old clients.

25 Q. Did you see any other clients after the raid other than

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1 what we've just discussed?

2 A. One time on Long Island. His name is Assad, he's a lawyer.

3 So I met one client over there in his office on Long Island.

4 Q. And the work, was that a new client or old client?

5 A. New.

6 Q. And was there anything fraudulent about that one?

7 A. No.

8 Q. When is the last time you did any immigration related work?

9 A. End of 2009.

10 Q. Other than following up on cases of clients at the firm in
11 2009, have you done any other fraudulent immigration work?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So I want to turn back now to Nathan Schwartz. How did you
14 meet Mr. Schwartz?

15 A. I met him since I'm a childhood friend, 17 years old, 18.

16 Q. What were the circumstances of meeting him?

17 A. We were at a gathering, I think. I can't remember exactly,
18 but there was a gathering for Hanukkah something by a rabbi in
19 Williamsburg.

20 Q. How did you come to meet him?

21 A. Something about a coat, I don't remember exactly.

22 Q. What do you mean?

23 A. Something about exchanging coats. I was missing my coat.

24 I don't know. This is way, way before, so.

25 Q. And you mentioned that you call him Nuchem?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Have you always called him Nuchem?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And so you met him when you were 17, and did you have much
5 interaction with him when you were a teenager?

6 A. Not too much, no, till he moved to my area in Brooklyn.

7 Q. What was your area in Brooklyn?

8 A. Borough Park.

9 Q. Is that where you live now?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Around when did he move to your area in Borough Park?

12 A. I would say about '82, '83.

13 Q. And what was your relationship then?

14 A. We were very close friends.

15 Q. Did you remain very close friends?

16 A. I got married and moved to Mexico, so, no, we lost -- we
17 lost touch.

18 Q. Did you get back in touch at some point?

19 A. Yes, when I moved back to United States.

20 Q. And where did you move at that time?

21 A. Monsey, New York.

22 Q. How did you get back in touch with him?

23 A. I think I met him, I bumped into him or his wife and we
24 became friends again.

25 Q. Where did you bump into him?

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1 A. Excuse me?

2 Q. Where did you bump into him?

3 A. In Monsey.

4 Q. Was he living in Monsey at that time too?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what was your relationship at that time when you came
7 back to the United States and ran into him again, did you
8 rekindle your friendship?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And did you remain friends at that time?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you remain friends with him -- how long did you
13 remain friends with him?

14 A. I would say until 1995.

15 Q. And what happened?

16 A. I had a falling out with him.

17 Q. You had a falling out with him in 1995, and then did you
18 ever become friends with him again?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Approximately when?

21 A. About ten years later, 11 years later.

22 Q. And at that time -- well, between 2005 and 2009, when you
23 were subpoenaed and there were searches, what was your
24 relationship?

25 A. I was very close with him.

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1 Q. Between 2005 and 2009, what was your relationship with?

2 A. I was very close friends with him. I started becoming
3 friendly in 2005, then I became closer and closer friends
4 again.

5 Q. And what is your current relationship with him?

6 A. We're not friends.

7 Q. When did you stop being friends?

8 A. I would say August of 2011.

9 Q. And what if anything happened then?

10 A. We had a falling out about I was mad about my pool. He
11 left my pool unfinished. He said he was going to fix it. He
12 was supposed to become a partner where I work right now and I
13 wasn't happy. And then he moved later on to Florida, so.

14 Q. How did Nathan Schwartz come to be a sponsor through the
15 law firm?

16 A. He started by bringing his own employees to sponsor.

17 Q. And when you say his own employees, what are you
18 understanding that Schwartz did for a living?

19 A. Framing.

20 Q. What does that mean?

21 A. He frames houses.

22 Q. It's a form of construction?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And so he came to you with two employees that he wanted to
25 do what with?

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1 A. To sponsor them to get legal, legal status.

2 Q. And how did he know to come to you?

3 A. He know I was in immigration.

4 Q. Did you personally handle those cases?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Who handled those cases?

7 A. Lipa Teitelbaum.

8 Q. And did Mr. Schwartz ask for anything in return for
9 bringing clients to your -- to the law firm?

10 A. He said to me once they get approved, when they got
11 approved -- initially he didn't say he want something. When
12 they got approved, he said, Sam, I want a cut.

13 Q. And what did you understand him to mean that he wanted a
14 cut?

15 A. He said, Sam, I'm bringing money from my client and I want
16 part of it and I said yes.

17 Q. You gave him part of it?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Do you remember how much money you gave him?

20 A. I can't remember.

21 Q. I'm going to approach and give you Government Exhibit 3100
22 and 3101.

23 Can you take a look at government 3100, please.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you recognize that?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What is it?

3 A. It's a client file with Lipa Teitelbaum's handwriting.

4 Q. When you say it's a client file, what do you mean?

5 A. When the client comes in, we need to get copies of his
6 passport, his information, do a retainer. So all the
7 information, it's called a client file, a client case.

8 Q. And this is the client file for what client?

9 A. For Castillo Henry, Henry Castillo.

10 Q. Who is Henry Castillo?

11 A. Nathan Schwartz's employee.

12 Q. He was one of those two employees that Nathan Schwartz
13 brought to the firm?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. If you could look inside the folder and if we could also
16 bring up on the screen 3100-1.

17 Do you see there's a folder -- there's a sticker
18 there?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Do you see a notation there?

21 A. Yeah, that's Lipa's handwriting.

22 Q. And what does that notation say?

23 A. "Nuchem will give me a new check."

24 Q. And if you could look now at 3100-2 if we could bring that
25 up on the screen, please.

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1 What is this?

2 A. This is a copy of passport of Henry Castillo.

3 Q. And that's something you would routinely collect from
4 clients for their applications?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. If you look now at 3100-3, please.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What is this document?

9 A. Once labor certification gets approved from the labor
10 department, it's sent in to immigration. And this is the form
11 that has to be sent in for them to get an I-140 immigrant
12 petition alien worker. That's part of the process from the
13 information we have to give in to immigration.

14 Q. And this is the I-140 related to Henry Castillo?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. If you look now at 3100-4 and -7.

17 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could put those up on the screen
18 next to each other.

19 A. I have it.

20 Q. Do you recognize these documents?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. Starting with the one to the left, final
23 determination, what is that?

24 A. Which one, to my left? That's a altered final
25 determination in order to show that in April 30, 2001, Henry

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1 Castillo had a case in order for him to qualify to get a green
2 card here in the United States.

3 Q. So Henry Castillo didn't actually have a case in
4 April 2001?

5 A. Not with the labor department.

6 Q. How do you know that this is a false document?

7 A. Because it says AYN Enterprises, Maritza Diaz, and there's
8 no way Henry -- and 110 Wall Street. I mean Henry Castillo
9 didn't know about 110 Wall Street at that time. I would have
10 known if he would have been a client prior to that.

11 Q. And how was this document created?

12 A. Document is created, we scan into computer and we do it
13 through Microsoft Office -- again, I'm not tech savvy -- and
14 just delete it, put April 30, 2001. Put skilled worker job
15 that you want immigration to see, carpenter, name, everything
16 is just put in a different name, different skill, different
17 job. And the date stays April 30, 2001 to show immigration
18 that this was submitted in April 30, supposedly, in April 30,
19 2001.

20 Q. So this is the type of document that you would submit with
21 clients' files to show that they had a case during the amnesty
22 period?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you said you did not create this document?

25 A. We created the document in the law firm.

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1 Q. Okay. Who specifically would create these documents?

2 A. Lipa.

3 Q. Anyone else?

4 A. Leiby Walter, Arie Flohr.

5 Q. And looking to the right now, what is that document?

6 MS. ECHENBERG: If we can have all of the text,
7 please. Sorry. The other document, 3100-7, please. Thank
8 you.

9 Q. What is this document?

10 A. This is a screen shot from the labor department and also
11 have been altered.

12 Q. And who altered this document?

13 A. Initially the labor official in Philadelphia that work for
14 the labor department. And, afterwards, Lipa Teitelbaum used to
15 do it.

16 Q. So the labor official that you're talking about, that's the
17 person who you and others bribed; is that right?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. At this time was he still creating these documents for you?

20 A. No.

21 Q. How do you know that?

22 A. I was told he got arrested and Lipa told me the guy doesn't
23 work there no more.

24 Q. Do you know approximately when he got arrested?

25 A. In --

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1 Q. If you know.

2 A. Maybe 2008, I don't know. I didn't follow.

3 Q. So at a certain point he was not available to create these
4 documents for you anymore?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. So what did you and Mr. Teitelbaum do?

7 A. He just did a screen shot, altered, copy and pasted, and
8 just changed just April 3, the name, Henry Fernando Castillo
9 Gonzalez, that was put in there, and construction, the company
10 name.

11 Q. And after this individual that was bribed, after he left,
12 did you have anyone else in the Department of Labor who could
13 alter documents for you?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. Turning now to Government Exhibit 3100-5, -8, and
16 -10.

17 MS. ECHENBERG: And if we could look at them together,
18 and if you could bring up -5 and -8 side by side, please.

19 Q. First of all, what -- is Government Exhibit 3100-5 a single
20 page or are there multiple pages there?

21 A. You're asking me? Single page.

22 Q. What is that?

23 A. That's a cover sheet from the labor department on a
24 certified labor approval.

25 Q. And who is it addressed to?

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1 A. Contour Framing care of Nathan Schwartz, 1274 49th Street,
2 Suite 299, Brooklyn, New York 11219.

3 Q. Do you recognize that address?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is that address?

6 A. It's a P.O. box.

7 Q. Do you know who controlled that P.O. box?

8 A. I'm not sure.

9 Q. Do you know if anyone at the firm controlled that P.O. box?

10 A. Lipa Teitelbaum.

11 Q. You believe Lipa Teitelbaum controlled that P.O. box?

12 A. I can't affirm that, no.

13 Q. Turning now to Government Exhibit 3100-8, what is that?

14 A. That's a cover sheet for the labor approval explaining they
15 have been certified and the enclosed labor approval.

16 Q. Is that being sent to the same address?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And if we could go now to 3100-10. Is this a one-page
19 document or a multipage document?

20 A. Multipages.

21 Q. And what is this?

22 A. These are not the real labor approval; these are copies of
23 the labor approval I have in my hand.

24 Q. And why is there a copy of the labor approval in the file?

25 A. We try -- we weren't that organized, but we try to keep

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1 every -- of every document we sent out to immigration, copy, or
2 anything that we had related to the case, we kept in the file.

3 Q. Is that an original labor approval?

4 A. No.

5 Q. How can you tell?

6 A. Original labor approval have the watermark and also has
7 blue letters and each one, there's a watermark you put it up to
8 the light.

9 Q. Blue letters?

10 A. Blue color on the paper, bluish paper.

11 Q. And can you tell by looking at these three documents where
12 the original approval would have been sent?

13 A. The original approval? You mean the address where it was
14 sent to?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. 1274 49th Street, Suite 299, Brooklyn, New York 11219.

17 Q. If you can tell us what section you're looking at?

18 A. Section D.

19 Q. That's the employer contact information?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Is there a phone number there?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you recognize that phone number?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Whose phone number is it?

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1 A. Lipa Teitelbaum.

2 Q. And do you, as far as you know, did Nathan Schwartz control
3 the mailbox at 1274 49th Street?

4 A. No.

5 Q. No, you don't know, or no --

6 A. No, as far as I know, I don't think he did. I don't know
7 if -- I don't think he did.

8 Q. And moving on to the section in this form called primary
9 work site --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- do you see that section? What section is that? If you
12 can look at what's in front of you.

13 A. It has employer information, headquarters, main office.

14 Q. Okay. Can you look at the section on the labor approval
15 called primary work site. I believe it's Section H, do you see
16 that? It's on page 2.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And what's listed as the primary work site?

19 A. 214 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

20 Q. Do you recognize that address?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What is that address?

23 A. Nathan Schwartz's office.

24 Q. Is that the office that you were referring to previously?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And if you could look now at employer information, which I
2 think is back on the first page. It's above employer contact,
3 that's Section C.

4 What's listed as the employer and the address here?

5 A. It says employer name, Contour Framing, 46 Main Street,
6 Suite 226, Monsey, New York 10952.

7 Q. Did you recognize that phone number?

8 A. I can't remember right now.

9 Q. Okay. And what's listed under number of employees?

10 A. Seventeen.

11 Q. Do you know how many employees Nathan Schwartz had at this
12 time?

13 A. No idea.

14 Q. Turning now to Government 3100-6. So if you can look back
15 in the folder that's in front of you, Mr. Salomon.

16 A. Excuse me?

17 Q. You can look back in the folder that's in front of you and
18 if you could look for Government Exhibit 3100-6.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you recognize this?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What is this?

23 A. This is a check made out to U.S. Citizenship Immigration
24 Services. These are the fees that have to be paid to the
25 government when you filing an I-140 or adjustment of status.

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1 Q. And what is CFI Contour Framing, Inc.?

2 A. That's Nathan Schwartz's company.

3 Q. And do you -- did he provide this check, do you know?

4 A. I wasn't there.

5 Q. What does the note say in the memo line?

6 A. Memo, "immigration Henry."

7 Q. And in general, did clients of the firm pay their own fees
8 or did someone else pay fees for them?

9 MR. BRILL: Objection as to relevance.

10 THE COURT: I'll allow that.

11 Q. Do you want me to repeat the question?

12 A. Yes, please.

13 Q. In general, did clients of the firm pay their own fees with
14 regard to Department of Labor and immigration or did someone
15 else pay those fees for them?

16 A. 90 percent, I would say, they had legitimate sponsors, they
17 would bring a check from the company.

18 Q. So if they had a legitimate sponsor, they would bring a
19 check from the company?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. How many of your clients had legitimate sponsors?

22 A. 10 percent.

23 Q. And if they didn't have a legitimate sponsor, who typically
24 would pay the fees?

25 A. The client himself.

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1 Q. Moving on to Government Exhibit -- and if you could, what's
2 the address for CFI Contour Framing on that check?

3 A. 214 Route 59, Suite 110, Suffern, New York 10901.

4 Q. Again, is that the address of the office of Nathan Schwartz
5 that you testified about?

6 A. I don't remember the address by heart, but I know it's
7 Route 59.

8 Q. If you could turn now to Government Exhibit 3100-9. Do you
9 have that in front of you?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. What is this?

12 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could have actually the whole
13 thing on the screen, please.

14 A. This is something that I handed over to Lipa Teitelbaum to
15 fax over to Earl to register in the Department of Labor.

16 Q. Do you recognize the handwriting on this document?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Is this the same handwriting on the top and the bottom?

19 A. No.

20 Q. What's the top handwriting?

21 A. Lipa's handwriting.

22 Q. And what's the bottom handwriting?

23 A. My handwriting.

24 Q. So starting with the bottom, I believe that says 455 Route
25 306, Suite 119, Monsey, New York, and there's a zip code?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What is that?

3 A. That's information that I got from Nathan Schwartz that I
4 could file applications in that company.

5 Q. And what is the number on bottom?

6 A. That's tax ID number that he provide to me.

7 Q. And what is the typed information in the middle, Olympia
8 York Builders and Developers?

9 A. Excuse me?

10 Q. The typed information in the middle where it says current
11 entity name, Olympia York Builders and Developers --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- what is that?

14 A. That's a company name.

15 Q. Whose company is that, if you know?

16 A. Nathan Schwartz.

17 Q. And why is this document in this file, if you know?

18 A. I guess -- we weren't the best organized office around, so
19 papers could be flying from here, but something Nathan Schwartz
20 and Henry Castillo, Lipa knew that Henry Castillo has to do
21 with Nathan Schwartz, he could put it in this file by mistake.

22 Q. What's the purpose of this document?

23 A. This document usually sent over in order to sponsor, a
24 company to sponsor clients, aliens, the way you want to call
25 it. So we needed this information to enter and to register

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1 with the Department of Labor first. And then we would get an
2 email, a notification that they checked it out, the company
3 exists and everything is okay, and you're ready to file labor
4 applications.

5 Q. Was Olympia York Builders and Developers a company you were
6 generally familiar with?

7 A. No.

8 Q. How did you become familiar with that company?

9 A. Nathan Schwartz provided me the information.

10 Q. And why did he provide you the information?

11 A. To sponsor clients.

12 Q. Okay. Turning now Government Exhibit 3100-11, please.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is that document?

15 A. This is a memorandum from the U.S. Citizenship Immigration
16 explaining the act to be grant for petition I-245, an alien
17 must be a beneficiary of a qualifying immigrant visa petition
18 or application for labor certification filed on or before
19 April 30, 2001, and meets applicable statutory and regulatory
20 requirements.

21 Q. Is this the amnesty you've been talking about?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You can look now to Government Exhibit 3100-12, please.

24 What's this document?

25 A. When the client would come in, I would give him, we would

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1 give him an application form to fill out so we could enter it
2 later on into the labor application.

3 Q. So this is one of those forms?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know what that notation is on the right-hand side,
6 on the left-hand side?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. So moving on, you can close that file and move to
9 the other file that I put up in front of you, Government
10 Exhibit 3101.

11 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could bring up, sorry, the whole
12 file is Government Exhibit 3101. If we could bring up
13 Government Exhibit 3101-1.

14 Q. If you could look at that in your file, please.

15 What is this?

16 A. Copy of a passport.

17 Q. For who?

18 A. From Jose Francisco Torres.

19 Q. And who is Jose Francisco Torres, if you know?

20 A. Another person that Nathan brought to the office that works
21 for Nathan Schwartz.

22 Q. So this is the second employee that he was sponsoring
23 through the office?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. If you could look now at Government Exhibit 3101-2 and -5,

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1 and if we could put those up next to each other, please.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what are these?

4 A. The same altered labor that we did for the other file.

5 Jose Torres, this was edited out, was put in there, was pasted
6 in there. Woodworker was pasted in. And Maritza Diaz, all
7 that, Post Lane Limited is just a company that we put in there
8 to supposedly to say that Jose Torres had a case back in
9 April 30, 2001, he should qualify for green card.

10 Q. Did these two clients, Jose Torres and Henry Castillo, know
11 that these altered documents were being submitted on their
12 behalf?

13 MR. BRILL: Objection as to what someone else knew.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with Leo Teitelbaum
16 regarding these clients' knowledge of these altered documents
17 being submitted on their behalf?

18 A. No, no.

19 Q. And did you ever have any discussion with Nathan Schwartz
20 about these altered documents being submitted on behalf of his
21 clients?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Turning now to Government Exhibit 3101-3.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What is this document?

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1 A. This is, again, the fees for the immigration for I-140 and
2 the adjustment of status.

3 Q. And what is in the memo line of these two checks?

4 A. Francisco, I don't know the other word, and another one,
5 Francisco.

6 Q. If you look now at 3101-4. And if you could look on the
7 inside of your folder again.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you know -- do you recognize that handwriting?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what does it relate to?

12 A. To the moneys to start the case.

13 Q. So how much was this client charged?

14 A. 12,000.

15 Q. And this client had a legitimate sponsor, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So why was this client charged \$1,200?

18 THE COURT: 12,000.

19 Q. Excuse me, \$12,000, if you know?

20 A. I can't remember.

21 Q. And was a percentage of that \$12,000 provided to Nathan
22 Schwartz?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know how much?

25 A. I can't remember.

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1 Q. If you could go to Government Exhibit 3101-6 and -7,
2 please, if we could put those up side by side.

3 What is the document to the left?

4 A. You want me to look at 3105?

5 Q. Look at 3101-11, which is the document that's up on the
6 left-hand side of the screen. Sorry, six. I can't see that
7 far.

8 What is 3101-6?

9 A. 3106 looks like a copy, it is a copy of labor approval,
10 labor certification.

11 Q. And what's 3101 -- what's on the front page of 3101-6?

12 A. Cover letter where the labor certification was mailed to.

13 Q. And where -- that's the original labor certification?

14 You can take it out if that's easier.

15 A. No.

16 Q. Can you tell by looking at that where the original labor
17 certification was mail?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Where was it mailed?

20 A. Immigration. You mean where it was mail?

21 Q. The original labor approval, where was that mailed?

22 A. Care of Nathan Schwartz, 46 Main Street, Suite 226, Monsey,
23 New York 10952.

24 Q. Do you recognize that address?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What is it?

2 A. Post office, shipping company, they ship -- I think it's a
3 printing. I was never inside, but I know they had this P.O.
4 box in there.

5 Q. How do you know that?

6 A. Because Nathan once told me to stop and he went inside to
7 get some mail.

8 MS. ECHENBERG: Can we put up Government Exhibit 53,
9 please.

10 Q. Do you recognize that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is that?

13 A. That's the place on Main Street.

14 Q. That's the place you were just talking about?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Have you ever been inside there?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Have you been to the location generally?

19 A. Like I said, when Nathan was once in the car and said stop
20 and went in to get the mail.

21 Q. If we could go back to 3101-6 and -7.

22 A. Want to go back to 3106?

23 Q. Yes. Behind this cover sheet there's a copy of the labor
24 certification; is that right?

25 A. 3107, yes.

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1 Q. And where was that labor certification mailed?

2 A. Contour Framing care of Nathan Schwartz, 46 Main Street,
3 Suite 226, Monsey, New York 10952.

4 Q. Okay. If we can move now to Government Exhibit --
5 actually, if we can stay with this for one moment.

6 Do you notice that the alien's name here is not the
7 person we've been talking about, Jose Torres?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Do you know why that is?

10 A. No idea.

11 Q. In looking through the file is there anything in the file
12 that could indicate to you why it's a different alien in this
13 file?

14 A. Again, like I said, we were not the most organized office.
15 And something came in on Contour Framing that was related to
16 Nathan Schwartz, Lipa would put it in the file, the girl would
17 put it in that file.

18 Q. Do you know whether Jose Torres ever got a labor approval
19 through the law firm?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. How do you know that?

22 A. I see what's sent in to immigration and there's immigration
23 receipts also.

24 Q. And where are those immigration receipts sent?

25 A. 1301 47th Street.

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1 Q. And are there any other addresses that those are sent?

2 A. It was sent in to Texas processing center first.

3 Q. What was sent to the Texas processing center?

4 A. The labor approval.

5 Q. The labor approval for who?

6 A. For Jose Torres.

7 Q. And that original labor approval, can you tell where it was
8 sent?

9 A. I have to go through this whole file.

10 Q. Can you just focus on the labor approval and the employer
11 contact information, the labor approval for Jose Torres that
12 you just pointed out, Mr. Salamon.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You were looking at the Texas service center documents?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You said there was a labor approval in there for Jose
17 Torres?

18 A. I will check.

19 Q. If you were mistaken, that's fine. We'll move on. I
20 thought you said you saw a labor approval in there for Jose
21 Torres?

22 A. I saw it was sent to immigration. It says here find
23 attachment in the documents. It was sent to Texas. I did not
24 say I saw -- I don't remember.

25 Q. You didn't see the actual labor approval?

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1 A. No, I just saw it was sent in to Texas.

2 Q. What was sent in to Texas?

3 A. The labor approval.

4 Q. So you saw a receipt that it was sent to Texas, but not the
5 approval itself?

6 A. Yes, exactly.

7 Q. Okay. If you can move on to Government Exhibit 31.

8 A. May I interrupt. This is the proof it was sent in to
9 Texas.

10 Q. If we can move on to 3101-8. What is this document?

11 If you could look at 3101-8 on the screen, please.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What is that?

14 A. This is a form we gave to the client when they came in to
15 get their information, when they enter the United States, all
16 their background information regarding to file to gain legal
17 status in the United States.

18 Q. And looking at 3101-9 and 3101-10. If we could put these
19 up next to each other, please.

20 What's 3101-9?

21 A. That's authorization permission to work.

22 Q. For who?

23 A. Jose Torres.

24 Q. And the 3101-10, what is that?

25 A. That's their immigration receipt that I showed you before.

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1 Q. So I think what you said is this indicates that his
2 immigration --

3 A. The labor approval was sent in to immigration. That's a
4 receipt from the immigration stating that they had received the
5 labor approval.

6 Q. And after Mr. Schwartz brought these two clients to the
7 firm, did he have any further involvement with the firm?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What was that involvement?

10 A. He would give me companies to sponsor people and I would
11 pay him for it.

12 Q. How did he come to do that?

13 A. He needed money and I said -- Sam, I need to make money, I
14 need to make money. And I told him if you're willing to give
15 me companies to sponsor people, as long as you say you're
16 willing to hire people, you won't have a problem.

17 Q. And he agreed to do that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And how much did you agree to pay him?

20 A. \$500 an approval.

21 Q. And what information did you need from him to use his
22 company as a sponsor?

23 A. Company name, company address, phone number, tax ID.

24 Q. Once you had that information for a particular company,
25 what would you do?

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1 A. I would go to Earl and fax it over to him and say to
2 register the company. And then we get a notification labor
3 department that we could file, so we filed applications.

4 Q. Let me stop you for one second.

5 MS. ECHEMBERG: If we could put 3100-9 back up on the
6 screen, please.

7 Q. So is this the type of information that you would get from
8 Mr. Schwartz and then provide to Earl David?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And in the registration process, did you need to provide an
11 email address?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what email address would you provide for companies?

14 A. Earl would make up an email address. He would create an
15 address for that particular company.

16 Q. And who would have access to that email address?

17 A. If I wanted to see it, I would just go to see. I would
18 have access. Lipa would have access, Earl would have access.

19 Q. Would the sponsor have access?

20 A. No.

21 Q. So what did Mr. Schwartz have to do in exchange for the
22 \$500 that you were paying him for an approval?

23 A. To bring me the original labor approval, I should be able
24 to file it with immigration. And also he, if anybody calls, he
25 would have to say, yes, I'm looking to hire people. I'm

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1 looking to hire this person. And also if a phone call from the
2 labor department asking about a particular alien or client, he
3 would have to say yes.

4 Q. Why did the original approval go to Nathan Schwartz, why
5 didn't you just have it sent to the law firm?

6 A. Because initially we did have it sent to the office and it
7 just -- we did a lot of applications and we were afraid since
8 we're not legit that it's going to raise red flags. And Earl
9 David said, you know what, it looks more legitimate if it goes
10 straight to the sponsor.

11 Q. And so you had to get it back from the sponsor; is that
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In the case of Nathan Schwartz, how would you do that?

15 A. I would send it straight to him, what address he provide,
16 whatever address he provided on that company.

17 Q. And how would you get it back from him so that you could
18 send it to the immigration department?

19 A. He would bring it to me.

20 Q. Where would he bring it to you?

21 A. To my house.

22 Q. And what does -- how often would he bring approvals to your
23 house?

24 A. Any time they came an approval, pretty often.

25 Q. Would he let you know if there was an approval or would you

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1 let him know if there was an approval or did it work in some
2 other way?

3 A. Same way. Either I would ask him if any came or he would
4 check the mail because he wanted money so he would bring me the
5 approval.

6 Q. So would you pay him \$500 every time you made an
7 application?

8 A. No.

9 Q. When would you pay him the \$500?

10 A. When he brings me the original approval.

11 Q. And that's the blue document that you've talked about?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. So would you make applications with companies associated
14 with him -- let me take a step back.

15 We've looked at Olympia York up here, and we've looked
16 at Contour Framing. Those are two companies of Nathan
17 Schwartz?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you use any other companies associated with Nathan
20 Schwartz to apply for labor approvals for clients?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Approximately how many companies?

23 A. Four.

24 Q. And how did you come to use those six companies?

25 A. I said four.

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1 Q. Four.

2 A. Maybe there's six. I don't recall. Right now at the
3 moment I remember four.

4 Q. Okay. So I was focused on these two -- Olympia York and
5 Contour -- and you think there were two additional?

6 A. Could be. I just don't remember the names right now by
7 heart.

8 Q. And how did you come to use those various companies
9 associated with Nathan Schwartz?

10 A. He would give me the information and said, Sam, here, start
11 filing.

12 Q. And why did you get more than one company from him?

13 A. Because it's -- if you file more than 15 or 20 applications
14 on one company, it's going to start to look very, very -- it's
15 going to raise a lot of red flags. So there comes a time that
16 you have to give me a different company. There's only so much
17 you can sponsor on one company.

18 Q. And did you ask for multiple companies from the beginning?

19 A. No. When one company, I said, Nathan, do you have another
20 company? There's too much on this company. I have another
21 company. So forth and so forth.

22 Q. And when you would make filings for clients using these
23 companies, did you let Nathan Schwartz know every time you were
24 filing an application?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Why not?

2 A. The agreement was that he'll get money only when he gets
3 approved. I mean we filed a lot of filings and a lot of
4 denials came in. So we would lose money actually because we
5 got a lot of denials. So if every time we file an application
6 to pay for a sponsor, it would be very, very expensive.

7 Q. So you would pay him only when you got that blue approval
8 from him?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you said that he was also asked to communicate with the
11 Department of Labor?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And explain what you meant by that.

14 A. The labor department did randomly call up to verify certain
15 application on a certain alien and he would say have to say
16 just yes, yes, yes, yes.

17 Q. Do you know whether he ever was contacted by the Department
18 of Labor?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How do you know that?

21 A. He played me one time a voice mail message. And he used to
22 call me, Sam, the labor department called, what am I going to
23 do. So I was having to call a lot of times. So usually Lipa
24 Teitelbaum used to call.

25 Q. So how would that work? He would let you know that the

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1 Department of Labor had called and what would happen next?

2 A. I would call Lipa and tell him Nuchem said the Department
3 of Labor called or he would contact Nuchem directly and take
4 care of it.

5 Q. When you say Lipa would take care of it --

6 A. He would call the Department of Labor on behalf of Nathan
7 Schwartz.

8 Q. Would he pretend to be Nathan Schwartz?

9 A. I wasn't on the call so I can't say.

10 Q. And after Lipa would take care of it, were at least some of
11 those applications approved?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you mentioned there were a lot of denials. Did you
14 ever discuss denials with Nathan Schwartz?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And what if anything did he say to you about that?

17 A. He used to come to me and he used to tell me, Sam, he used
18 to be upset, how come the denials are coming in.

19 Q. What would you say?

20 A. What can I do, I feel bad. You know, I'm not making money
21 either when the denials come in.

22 Q. Why was he upset the denials were coming in?

23 A. Because he doesn't get paid on the denials.

24 Q. The address on Government Exhibit 3100-9, 455 Route 306,
25 are you familiar with that address?

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1 A. I don't see anything on the screen.

2 MS. ECHENBERG: If you could bring up 3100-9.

3 Q. See that address that you wrote on the bottom?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Are you familiar with that address?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What is it?

8 A. It's a shipping company, used to be around the corner from
9 me.

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1 BY MS. ECHENBERG:

2 Q. Look at Government Exhibit 54, please.

3 Do you recognize that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is that?

6 A. That's the P.O. box that Nathan Schwartz had over there.

7 Q. Over where?

8 A. The shipping place company.

9 Q. Do you know the address?

10 A. At Route 306.

11 Q. Have you been inside this location?

12 A. Maybe once in 2009, shipped something.

13 Q. And do you know whether Nathan Schwartz has ever been
14 inside this location?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How do you know that?

17 A. Because he went in once or twice to check mail and he used
18 to come out and bring the approvals and he'd bring me denials,
19 and I was in the car waiting for him.

20 Q. And did you ever use a mailbox in this location?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you ever have a mailbox in this location?

23 A. Hmm?

24 Q. Did you ever have a mailbox, rent a mailbox in this
25 location?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you ever receive any mail at a mailbox here?

3 A. I received mail from clients, yes.

4 Q. Explain that to me.

5 A. Once the office closed down, a client called me that he
6 wants to send me money, January sometime in 2009, so I didn't
7 want the client to know where I lived, I didn't want him to
8 send it to my address, so I asked Nathan if I could use his
9 address to send the check, the client wants to send a check.

10 Q. Did the client send the check?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you get the check?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How did you get the check?

15 A. Nathan gave it to me.

16 Q. The labor approvals that were sent to Nathan -- do you want
17 to have a sip of water. Go ahead.

18 The blue labor approvals that were sent to Nathan
19 Schwartz that he provided to you, did you ask him to sign those
20 documents?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did those documents need to be signed before they went to
23 immigration?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Why didn't you ask Nathan Schwartz to sign them?

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1 A. There was no need for him to actually sign. The original
2 labor approval came over to me. Why would I need him to give
3 me full permission to go ahead and file? Otherwise he wouldn't
4 bring me labor approvals.

5 Q. Who signed the labor approvals?

6 A. Excuse me?

7 Q. Who signed -- you needed a signature from the company on
8 the labor approval before it went to immigration; right?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. So who would sign for the company?

11 A. Either me or Lipa.

12 Q. And you said that Nathan Schwartz would come to your house
13 to give you labor approvals and you would give him money; is
14 that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you ever keep any records of the money that you were
17 giving him?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you keep those records?

20 A. I just had a pad and I wrote down every time I gave him
21 money.

22 Q. Do you still have that pad?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you know what happened to it?

25 A. I have no idea.

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1 Q. And how much do you think you paid Nathan Schwartz over --
2 well, was Nathan Schwartz still allowing his companies to be
3 used as sponsors when there was the raid in 2009?

4 A. You mean after the raid?

5 Q. Prior to the raid, were you still using his companies with
6 his permission up until that point?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So -- and approximately when did you start paying him for
9 use of his companies?

10 A. When did I start paying him?

11 Q. Mm-hmm. If you know.

12 A. 2000 -- end of 2006, beginning 2007 till 2009.

13 Q. So in that time approximately how much do you think you
14 paid Nathan Schwartz?

15 MR. BRILL: Objection.

16 THE COURT: I think if you could reframe that
17 question.

18 Q. Between around 2006 or 2007, when you started paying him to
19 serve as a sponsor, and 2009, when the law firm was raided, how
20 much money did you pay Nathan Schwartz, if you know?

21 A. Approximately \$30,000.

22 Q. And did you ever have discussions with Nathan Schwartz
23 about how much money he was being paid?

24 A. I don't understand the question.

25 Q. Did Nathan Schwartz ever ask you for more money?

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1 A. For more money besides what?

2 Q. For more money than you were already paying him for
3 sponsorship.

4 A. I can't remember.

5 Q. And what, if anything, did Nathan Schwartz say about what
6 he was doing with the money you were paying him?

7 A. He was putting it away for one day to bail me out.

8 Q. Did you ever advance him any money?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What -- why did you advance him money?

11 A. I advanced him money when I did my kitchen.

12 Q. What do you mean when he did your kitchen?

13 A. I was supposed to pay him \$5,000 and he wanted a loan, so I
14 advanced him like \$4500.

15 Q. When you say he did your kitchen, what do you mean?

16 A. He came in with his worker and did my kitchen and -- he was
17 the contractor redesigned my kitchen.

18 Q. How much did you pay him for work on your kitchen?

19 A. I paid his fee. He wanted \$5,000.

20 Q. And did you lay out other money to pay for supplies and
21 things?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Government Exhibit 3002.

24 Look at those documents and tell me if you recognize them.

25 A. Yeah, this is the payments that I paid in the kitchen and

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1 supplies for kitchen.

2 Q. Those are the receipts for the work on the kitchen?

3 A. Yes.

4 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could just put the first page up
5 on the screen so the jury can see.

6 The government actually moves to admit this exhibit.
7 I just realized it's not admitted.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Government's Exhibit 3002 received in evidence)

10 THE COURT: 2002?

11 MS. ECHENBERG: 3002.

12 Can you just put that up on the screen.

13 Q. And that's your handwriting on this document?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And those notations are regarding what?

16 A. The kitchen.

17 Q. So where it says Nuchem and then amount --

18 A. Then it says loan \$4,000.

19 Q. Where does it say loan -- oh, down at the bottom? Okay.

20 And this was around what time period?

21 A. Toward the end of 2007, beginning of 2008.

22 Q. And other than -- did you ever advance Mr. Schwartz money
23 in any other context?

24 A. Yeah. He used to come in the morning and say, "Sam, I need
25 to cover my bank, I'm behind in my bank," and it was early in

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1 the morning, so yes, I did lay him out -- gave him \$500 every
2 time he knew he had to cover his bank.

3 Q. And how -- how, if at all, were you paid back that money?

4 A. He used to give me approvals so he used to write it down
5 himself, "Sam, I don't owe you," or he'd give me approval and
6 that would take care of that \$500 from that time.

7 MS. ECHEBERG: You can take that down.

8 Q. Did Nathan Schwartz help you with any other aspect of the
9 immigration fraud?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What did he do?

12 A. He altered final determination papers.

13 Q. What do you mean he altered final determination papers?

14 A. Same thing that Lipa did and everybody else did that I
15 mentioned before, he did it also.

16 MS. ECHEBERG: If we could bring up Government
17 Exhibit 3101-2, please.

18 Q. Is this what you're talking about?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. He altered documents like this for you?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And how -- how did that work? I mean, what would you do,
23 what would he do?

24 A. I would give him a name and he would have to copy and paste
25 it on the -- on the final determination.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. And I'm showing you now what's been marked as Government's
2 Exhibit -- actually, one moment.

3 MS. ECHEBERG: Okay. If we could bring up Government
4 Exhibit 3613 and 3614 side by side, please.

5 Q. If it's easier to read, here, I'll give you copies as well.

6 Do you recognize those e-mails?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. ECHEBERG: If you could blow them up, if
9 possible.

10 Q. What are they?

11 A. I sent an e-mail from sammy110wall on June 23, 2008 to
12 nathan@monseyframing that he should go ahead and put one of the
13 final determinations in Lidia Chalen.

14 Q. That's the name that you were asking him to put on the
15 altered final determination?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And what is the other document?

18 A. It's another -- it's another e-mail in 2008, to
19 nathan@monseyframing, just complaining -- I told him I need a
20 cook and he could put -- and I gave him the corporation and I
21 gave him the address what exactly he should put on that final
22 determination.

23 Q. And what is that e-mail address, nathan@monseyframing.com?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Whose e-mail address is that?

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 A. Nathan Schwartz.

2 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as Government
3 Exhibit 505-B. Do you recognize that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is that?

6 A. That's the text message.

7 Q. Whose the text message between?

8 A. Me and Nuchem, Nathan.

9 Q. And how do you recognize that?

10 A. It says Nuchem.

11 Q. How do you recognize the message?

12 A. I remember the message.

13 Q. Is it a true and accurate copy of the message on your
14 phone?

15 A. Yes.

16 MS. ECHEBERG: Government moves to admit Government
17 Exhibit 505-B.

18 MR. BRILL: Brief voir dire, please.

19 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. BRILL:

21 Q. Mr. Salomon, what's the date of that text message?

22 A. June 22, 2011.

23 Q. You didn't know his e-mail address prior to that?

24 A. Excuse me?

25 Q. You didn't know his e-mail address prior to that?

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. You needed a refresher?

3 MR. BRILL: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Received.

5 (Government's Exhibit 505-B received in evidence)

6 Q. So who is asking -- do you see where it says, "E-mail?"

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Who is writing that message?

9 A. Me.

10 Q. And then the response is, "nathan@monseyframing.com"?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that's from Nuchem?

13 A. Nathan Schwartz. I asked him who to e-mail to. I haven't
14 been e-mailing to him for years and -- it's been a couple
15 years.

16 Q. And this is the e-mail that he provided you at that time?

17 A. He wanted me to e-mail something, yes.

18 MS. ECHEBERG: Could I have one moment, your Honor.

19 (Pause)

20 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you one more exhibit, Government
21 Exhibit 3001. And 310.

22 MS. ECHEBERG: We could take that down.

23 Q. Okay. I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
24 Exhibit 3001. Do you recognize that?

25 A. Yes.

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 MS. ECHENBERG: I'm going to leave this up here for
2 now.

3 Q. What is that?

4 A. That's Pitney Bowes stamp machine bill, invoice.

5 Q. And what -- how do you recognize this document?

6 A. 'Cause it was in my house.

7 Q. Did you provide it to the government?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And is this the document that you provided to the
10 government?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. ECHENBERG: The government moves to admit
13 Government Exhibit 3001.

14 MR. BRILL: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Received.

16 (Government's Exhibit 3001 received in evidence)

17 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could put that up on the screen,
18 please.

19 Q. What stamp machine does this document relate to?

20 A. To a stamp machine that we leased or put in his name.

21 Q. For what?

22 A. For my office.

23 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could go to page 3, please.
24 Actually, sorry, page 4.

25 If we could highlight the Shipped To section, please.

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 Q. That was your office there?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So this stamp machine was in your office?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And was it shipped to your office on January 13th, 2009?

6 A. No. I had a stamp machine before.

7 Q. You had this stamp machine before?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How did Nathan Schwartz come to be the person in whose name
10 the bill for your office's stamp machine --

11 A. 'Cause I complained to him, I had to send people to the
12 mail, to the post office, it takes a long time, and he says,
13 "You know what? Why don't you take a stamp machine?" I said,
14 "I have no credit. They're not going to give me no stamp
15 machine." So he offered to take it out in his name, the stamp
16 machine.

17 Q. And did you pay for the stamp machine?

18 A. Not me personally, no.

19 Q. Who paid for the stamp machine?

20 A. Somebody in the office paid with credit card.

21 Q. Someone in the office paid with a credit card.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But not Nathan Schwartz.

24 A. No.

25 Q. He just rented it in his name.

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And how did this receipt come to be in your house?

3 A. 'Cause he was upset, he showed me that I should pay the
4 bill, you know, and I didn't pay.

5 Q. Why was he upset at this time that you should pay the bill?

6 A. I -- they raided my office at that time already and he told
7 me, "Sam, I got this bill." I said I'll try to pay it.

8 Q. Prior to that the bills were just getting paid?

9 A. Yeah.

10 MS. ECHENBERG: And if I could read in one more
11 stipulation, your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Sure.

13 MS. ECHENBERG: Government Exhibit S14. And it has
14 the same caption and introductory language as we read before.

15 "If called as a witness, a custodian of records of
16 Pitney Bowes would testify that Government Exhibit 3001
17 consists of records of Pitney Bowes that were made at or near
18 the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth in the
19 records by or from information transmitted by a person with
20 knowledge of these matters, kept in the course of regularly
21 conducted business, and made by the regularly conducted
22 business activity as a regular practice."

23 Dated January 23rd, 2013, and it's signed by me and
24 defense counsel, all defense counsel.

25 And I would move to admit Government Exhibit 3 -- you

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Salamon - direct

1 know what? It has the wrong number here, your Honor. It
2 should be Government Exhibit 310. I'm going to change that on
3 the stipulation.

4 (Pause)

5 MS. ECHENBERG: Government moves to admit Government
6 Exhibit 310.

7 MR. BRILL: No objection.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Government's Exhibit 301 received in evidence)

10 MS. ECHENBERG: And the government moves to admit S8,
11 which we read in before, and S14.

12 THE COURT: Received.

13 (Government's Exhibits S8 and S14 received in
14 evidence)

15 BY MS. ECHENBERG:

16 Q. Do you have it in front of you, Mr. Salomon? Could you
17 tell me generally what Government Exhibit 310 is.

18 It's face down on the corner of the desk up there.

19 A. This is a copy of the invoices from the stamp machine,
20 Pitney Bowes.

21 Q. The same stamp machine that Nathan Schwartz rented?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And if you look on -- there are numbers on the bottom of
24 the page. Do you see that? Do you see the numbers on the
25 bottom of the page?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Which numbers are you referring to?

2 Q. In the document -- how about on the top of the page? Do
3 you see the numbers on the top of the page?

4 If you could turn to the fourth page -- the ninth page
5 of this document, which at the top says 74609.

6 If you want to look on your screen, you can do that as
7 well.

8 Do you see the date at the top of this document?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you see where it says July 14th, 2008?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then if you go to the end of the document -- well, is
13 that around the time that Nathan Schwartz first rented this
14 stamp machine for the office?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you what's been marked as -- I'm
17 going to turn now to Harold Tischler.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you meet Harold Tischler?

20 A. Mutual friend.

21 Q. What's that mutual friend's name?

22 A. Morty Katz.

23 Q. How did you come to meet Harold Tischler?

24 A. I said through a mutual friend.

25 Q. And how did that come up?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. Oh, I was just talking to my friend, I'm doing immigration,
2 do you know someone in construction that is looking to hire
3 workers.

4 Q. And why did you want someone in construction?

5 A. 'Cause I needed again at that time carpenters, those jobs.

6 Q. And does Mr. Tischler go by any other names, as far as you
7 know?

8 A. Excuse me?

9 Q. Does Mr. Tischler go by any other names, as far as you
10 know?

11 A. Heshy.

12 Q. Can you spell that.

13 A. A -- H-E-S-H-Y.

14 Q. Heshy?

15 A. Or H-E-S-H-I.

16 Q. And when did you first meet Harold Tischler, if you know?

17 A. Sometime at the end of 2002, beginning of 2003.

18 Q. So after you got the reference from Morty Katz, what did
19 you do?

20 A. I called him up and I said, "I do immigration and I'm
21 looking for companies that could sponsor people, and for every
22 signature I'll give you certain amount of money."

23 Q. You said every signature. Was there something different at
24 that time than when you approached Nathan Schwartz?

25 A. Yes. Sorry. Yes, at that time we didn't do it online so

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Salamon - direct

1 we required a signature.

2 Q. So what did you offer to Mr. Tischler, if anything?

3 A. I can't recall exact amount, 2003, but somewhere around
4 \$400.

5 Q. \$400 for what?

6 A. Per signature.

7 Q. And what were you asking him to do? Were you asking him to
8 do anything other than sign a document?

9 A. Yes. He should let me know if Department of Labor calls,
10 and if he gets any correspondence, he should bring it over to
11 me or I'll meet him and/or I'll send someone to pick it up.

12 Q. And when you first approached Harold Tischler, was he
13 actually looking to hire workers?

14 A. No.

15 Q. What happened next after you made this offer to him?

16 A. I started getting information from -- I got information
17 from him, and when it was online -- he started with the
18 company, he would get labor approval originals, and I would
19 have either -- he would come to the office on Battery Place and
20 come up and bring me the approvals and hand them to me and I
21 would hand him cash on the spot. If I was busy, I would send
22 Moishe Rosenberg to go downstairs. Sometimes he would call me,
23 "Sam, I'm coming," and I was not in the mood that day or I
24 didn't have the money, I'd tell him turn around or don't come
25 today, come tomorrow. Otherwise, I would send Moishe Rosenberg

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Salamon - direct

1 and he would pay him or if I was busy, I would send Lipa
2 Teitelbaum to pay him as well.

3 Q. Did you ever ask Harold Tischler to speak to the labor
4 department?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you know if he did that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. In what context would he speak -- or did he speak to the
9 Department of Labor?

10 A. To confirm. He used to call me and he was nervous that
11 they called, so I just told him just don't be nervous, just
12 call, and he used to call me back and say yes, it's confirmed.

13 MS. ECHENBERG: And can we put on the screen
14 Government Exhibit 3612, please.

15 Q. Do you recognize this e-mail?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What is it?

18 A. That's forwarded case status from Harold Tischler to me.

19 Q. How do you know that's from Harold Tischler?

20 A. Harrythemn, that's his e-mail address, private e-mail
21 address.

22 Q. What is he forwarding to you?

23 A. Thank you -- that he spoke to national processing center.

24 There was one client who was driving me up the wall and he came
25 every day, "I need to know my status, I need to know my status,

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Salamon - direct

I need to know my status." I called him and said, "Can you please help me out here. Call the labor department." So he called over to me saying he did speak to the labor department about this case.

Q. Why didn't you just call the labor department yourself?

A. I was very hesitant to call. That was not my regular thing to call.

MR. GREENFIELD: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that.

A. I was hesitant to call. I don't usually call the labor department.

Q. Why not?

A. I don't. That's not one of the things I do.

Q. Okay. And so how was -- you said you would pay Harold Tischler in cash if he would come to the office or you would send Moishe -- or you would send Moishe Rosenberg out to pay him in Brooklyn. What's in Brooklyn?

A. That's where they used to meet.

Q. And where would Moishe Rosenberg get the money to pay him?

A. From me.

Q. And did anyone else ever pay him at the office?

A. Lipa Teitelbaum.

Q. How do you know that?

A. I -- like I said, when I used to be busy, I'd tell Lipa, "Take care of Heshy. He's waiting outside." There was a lot of people in my office, so I used to send out Heshy -- Lipa

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Salamon - direct

1 Teitelbaum to pay him.

2 Q. Do you know how Lipa Teitelbaum paid him?

3 A. I don't know exactly.

4 MS. ECHENBERG: I'm going to read in one more
5 stipulation, your Honor, if that's okay?

6 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. ECHENBERG: Actually, one moment.

8 (Pause)

9 Q. Okay. I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
10 Exhibit 202. If you could take --

11 MS. ECHENBERG: Oh, so these -- we move to admit
12 Government Exhibit 202 pursuant to stipulation S3 that we read
13 in earlier.

14 MR. GREENFIELD: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Received.

16 (Government's Exhibit 202 received in evidence)

17 MS. ECHENBERG: If we could bring up Government
18 Exhibit 202, please.

19 Q. Do you see the check at the very bottom of that first page?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who is Yisruel Pollack?

22 A. That's the name Lipa Teitelbaum used.

23 Q. Did Harold Tischler also go by Hershy Tischler?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Look at the next page. Look at the check at the very top,

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Salamon - direct

1 please.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. If you could read the Pay To the Order of there?

4 A. Excuse me?

5 Q. If you could read who that check is made out to?

6 A. Harold Tischler.

7 Q. If you could look at the next page, the third check down.

8 A. Harold Tischler.

9 Q. If you could look at the next page, the fourth check down.

10 A. Harold Tischler.

11 Q. Does it say Harold?

12 A. Hershy Tischler.

13 Q. And if you look at the next page, the third check down.

14 A. Harold Tischler.

15 MS. ECHENBERG: You could take those down.

16 Q. What, if anything, did Leo Teitelbaum tell you about
17 Yisruel Pollack?

18 A. Told me that a friend in Montreal, Canada lets him use his
19 bank account.

20 Q. Did Mr. Tischler ever come to the 110 Wall Street office to
21 be paid?

22 A. I can't remember right now.

23 Q. How was he -- were you paying him as a sponsor during the
24 time you were at the 110 Wall Street office?

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. So during that time was he either paid directly by you or
2 by Moishe Rosenberg?

3 MR. GREENFIELD: Objection. Leading.

4 A. He used to wait downstairs. I used to go downstairs, at
5 one point I remember, and I used to come downstairs and pay
6 him.

7 Q. But you don't remember if he ever came up to the office.

8 A. Exactly.

9 Q. And what about at 17 Battery Place? Do you remember him
10 ever coming to that office?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And what did the sign say at the entrance to that
13 office?

14 A. Fix Anything Construction and Plumbing, or Fix Anything
15 Plumbing. I don't have the name right in front of me.

16 Q. And do you know whether he ever came out to the 125 Maiden
17 Lane office?

18 A. No.

19 Q. No, you don't know or no, he didn't?

20 A. No, he did not.

21 Q. How do you know that?

22 A. 'Cause I didn't want him to come up.

23 Q. Why not?

24 A. 'Cause it's in Vintage Partners. I didn't want him to know
25 that I leased the second building -- the second office in his

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 name.

2 Q. And did you use a single company in connection with Harold
3 Tischler's sponsorship or more than one company?

4 A. More than one.

5 Q. Do you know how many?

6 A. I can roughly say four, five.

7 Q. Do you remember the names of those companies?

8 A. Some.

9 Q. What?

10 A. I would remember some.

11 Q. Okay. What are some of the names of those?

12 A. Fix Anything, Vintage Partners, Vintage Builders. If you
13 would show me to remember my recollection. I can't remember at
14 the moment.

15 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you now what's been marked as
16 Government Exhibit 505-A.

17 Do you recognize that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is that?

20 A. When I was diagnosed with cancer --

21 Q. Well, just tell me what it is generally.

22 A. Oh, he sent me a text reaching out to me and there was a
23 whole discussion with --

24 Q. Who sent you a text?

25 A. Tischler. Harold.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. And is this a true and accurate copy of the text that he
2 sent you?

3 A. Yes.

4 MS. ECHEBERG: The government moves to admit
5 Government Exhibit 505-A.

6 MR. GREENFIELD: No objection.

7 THE COURT: Received.

8 (Government's Exhibit 505-A received in evidence)

9 MS. ECHEBERG: If we could publish this exhibit,
10 please.

11 Q. So first, who is this message from?

12 A. Harold Tischler.

13 Q. To who?

14 A. To me.

15 Q. If you could just read the message and then I'll ask you
16 questions about it.

17 A. "Are you nuts? I forgive you for always keeping me waiting
18 and always making me come back and lying to me and filing docs
19 to labor department more than you ever told me. To this date
20 I'm still getting calls and mail. I forgive you for
21 everything. I screwed up once and you upset wow."

22 Q. Okay. So what is Mr. Tischler referring to in this text
23 message?

24 A. That I was very upset at him -- I don't know if you want me
25 to get into it, but I was very upset at him, and he's writing

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Salamon - direct

1 me back: Why are you upset? You used to make me wait
2 sometimes at your office to get money, and you know, you made
3 me also run around, come back later, come tomorrow.

4 Q. So let me stop you there. I'm going to try to break it
5 down a little bit. In general what were you upset with
6 Mr. Tischler about at this time?

7 A. He reached out to me when I was diagnosed with cancer and I
8 was under chemotherapy two years ago and trying to be nice to
9 me and how I'm feeling. I said, "If you want to be nice, I'm
10 penniless, I don't have a dime to my name, can I come pick up
11 \$500 from you?" He said yes.

12 Q. Did he agree to give you \$500?

13 A. He agreed by text.

14 Q. And did you go to pick up money?

15 A. I went to Brooklyn --

16 Q. Did you go to pick up money?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Where did you go?

19 A. I went to Brooklyn.

20 Q. And what happened?

21 A. Nothing. He didn't answer my phone, he was picking up some
22 equipment from outside and just completely ignored me.

23 Q. And what did you do?

24 A. What did I do? I wrote him back a message. I was very,
25 very upset. You don't do that to a friend. Why you make me

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 come for nothing?

2 Q. And this was his response to that message?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. So let's go through the message line by line. It
5 says, "Are you nuts? I forgive you for always keeping me
6 waiting, always making me come back." What did you understand
7 him to mean?

8 A. That he forgave me for the times that I told him to come to
9 the office to pick up money and make him -- and never call, and
10 make him come back again.

11 Q. Why would you make him come back again?

12 A. I don't remember. Possibly once or twice I told him,
13 "Listen, I don't have money right now for the approval or
14 sponsorship. Come back tomorrow." But always I would call
15 him, "Don't come today. Come tomorrow." "I'm on my way." I
16 said, "I don't have the money now."

17 Q. That's what you were referring to before, that he would
18 call and say he was on his way and you would tell him you
19 didn't have money and you'd tell him to come back?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Let's move on to the next part. "And lying to me," it
22 says, "a filing docs to the labor department more than you ever
23 told me." What did you understand --

24 A. Claiming that I filed documentation to the labor department
25 more than I told him.

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 Q. And is that correct that you filed applications that he
2 didn't know about?

3 A. Yes, it was -- yes.

4 Q. And which, if any, applications would he know about?

5 A. When he would get approvals, then he would know. He will
6 get paid.

7 Q. Did he also receive correspondence for denials?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you know whether he received that correspondence?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How do you know?

12 A. He came to the office and showed me.

13 Q. What would he show you?

14 A. Either was opened the mail sometimes or I opened it up, and
15 I said, "Sorry, it's actually a denial. Sorry, you came for
16 nothing," and I would give him a couple dollars, \$300 just for
17 his time and effort and also for him sponsoring people. I
18 didn't want him -- I wanted to motivate him.

19 Q. And then he said, "To this day I'm still getting calls and
20 mail. I forgive you for everything. I screwed up once and you
21 upset wow." What did you understand that to mean?

22 A. He said he's still getting calls from the labor department
23 and mail from immigration or labor department. "I forgive you
24 for everything. I screwed up once and you upset wow." That
25 he's saying to me that he screwed up by not giving me money,

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 making me come all the way to Brooklyn for nothing.

2 Q. Okay. And I'm showing you now what's been marked as
3 Government's Exhibit 501.

4 Do you recognize this?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Generally what is that?

7 A. Message from Facebook.

8 Q. How do you recognize it?

9 A. Because I have Facebook.

10 Q. It's a message on your Facebook?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is this a true and accurate copy of a message on your
13 Facebook?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. ECHENBERG: Government moves to admit Government
16 Exhibit 501.

17 MR. GREENFIELD: It's going to be the objection I
18 raised earlier.

19 THE COURT: Overruled.

20 (Government's Exhibit 501 received in evidence)

21 MS. ECHENBERG: Could you please pull up Government
22 Exhibit 501.

23 Q. First of all, you said this is a message on Facebook?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And you received this -- where did you receive this?

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Salamon - direct

1 A. In my inbox message on Facebook. There's messages that I
2 can see -- if I'm live, it goes into the chat box. If I'm not
3 logged on, it will go into the message box.

4 Q. And what is the date on this message?

5 A. July 19, 2012.

6 Q. And who is the message from?

7 A. Harold Tischler.

8 Q. How do you know that?

9 A. Because I was friends with him on Facebook prior to that.

10 Q. And other than the name, is there anything that you
11 recognize about this?

12 A. Yeah. He used to sell electronic cigarettes, so this was a
13 symbol I think he used -- to be used for marketing cigarettes.

14 Q. What does the message say?

15 A. "Moiser." That I'm a snitch --

16 Q. Well, actually, just read the whole message first.

17 A. "Moiser you put me in jail wow."

18 Q. What does "moiser" mean?

19 A. "Moiser" means that I'm a snitch.

20 Q. And what did you understand this message to mean?

21 A. That he's upset because I'm talking to the government, that
22 I'm -- whatever, that I'm cooperating with the government.

23 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Government
24 Exhibit 505-C. Do you recognize that?

25 A. Yes.

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 Q. In general, what is it?

2 A. Text message from iPhone.

3 Q. Between who and who?

4 A. Me and Harold.

5 Q. And did this -- is this a fair and accurate copy of the
6 text message between you and Harold on the dates indicated?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. ECHEBERG: Government moves to admit Government
9 Exhibit 505-C.

10 MR. GREENFIELD: No objection.

11 THE COURT: Received.

12 (Government's Exhibit 505-C received in evidence)

13 MS. ECHEBERG: If we could publish that, please.

14 Q. So who is writing the message in the green at the top?

15 A. I'm not good at colors, but --

16 Q. Who's writing the first three messages on the top?

17 A. Me.

18 Q. And who is writing the response?

19 A. Harold Tischler.

20 Q. And can you read the message that starts, "Call me."

21 A. "Call me in the office 718-871-0382."

22 Q. Okay. Turning now to defendant Refeal Brodjik. You said
23 he went by the name Rafi?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what was his role in the office?

D1p1cib5

Salamon - direct

1 A. He collected money for Earl David, he was Earl David's
2 personal assistant.

3 Q. Did he do anything else, as far as you knew?

4 A. He did some fake experience letters.

5 Q. When you said he did some fake experience letters, what do
6 you mean?

7 A. We needed experience letters to show person in Israel has
8 religious schooling, so he would fake -- fake experience
9 letter.

10 Q. Those are for the R-1 applications that you talked about
11 earlier?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And did he do anything else in connection with the fraud?

14 A. I can't remember.

15 Q. How did Rafi Brodjik get involved with Earl David, if you
16 know?

17 A. Through a friend, going to the office.

18 Q. Why did he come to the office initially?

19 A. He wanted to gain legal status in the United States.

20 Q. And was he able to do that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How did he do that?

23 A. Earl David gave him a sponsor.

24 Q. Who was that sponsor?

25 A. Flam.

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1 Q. Do you know Flam's first name?

2 A. Yes, Avraham Flam.

3 Q. Does he go by any other names?

4 A. Abraham.

5 Q. Showing you Government Exhibit 4. Do you recognize that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who is that?

8 A. Abraham Flam.

9 Q. And was that a legitimate sponsorship that Earl David gave
10 to Rafi Brodjik?

11 A. As far as I know, no.

12 Q. Why do you say no?

13 MR. GERZOG: Objection, your Honor, to -- in terms of

14 the "as far as I know." Either he knows or he doesn't know.

15 Q. Do you know whether it was a legitimate sponsorship?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with Rafi Brodjik about
18 his sponsorship?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What did he say to you?

21 A. He just was happy that he got permission to work and he was
22 contemplating to go to Israel and -- I mean, he wasn't hiding
23 it.

24 Q. Did he ever express any concern about his sponsorship?

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 MR. GUTMAN: Objection to leading.

2 THE COURT: He answered yes.

3 Q. What did he express to you? Did he express that concern to
4 you?

5 A. I was with him when he expressed that concern.

6 Q. And what was the concern that he expressed?

7 A. He had some falling out with Libby Milano, the girlfriend
8 of Earl David, and he was just scared that Libby Milano was
9 going to call up the government about his green card.

10 Q. Did she work in the office as well?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was he concerned Ms. Milano might do?

13 A. Call the government and tell them that he was -- he had a
14 fake -- a fake green card.

15 Q. Why would she say he has a fake green card?

16 A. He got into some fight -- she used to threaten everybody,
17 so if Earl got in a fight with -- with his girlfriend, his
18 friends suffered as well.

19 Q. Was Ms. Milano aware of the fraud in the law firm?

20 A. Excuse me?

21 Q. Was Ms. Milano aware of the fraud in the law firm?

22 MR. GUTMAN: Objection, your Honor.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What sort of work? Did you ever work with Ms. Milano?

25 A. Yes.

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Salamon - direct

1 Q. Did you ever see the type of work that she did in the law
2 firm?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did she do in the law firm?

5 A. She opened up cases with clients.

6 Q. Legitimate cases, as far as you knew?

7 A. I don't know. I can't remember.

8 Q. What percentage of the work in the law firm was legitimate,
9 as far as you know?

10 A. 10 percent.

11 Q. Turning to Ms. Cibik --

12 THE COURT: Excuse me, Ms. Echenberg.

13 MS. ECHEMBERG: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Where are you in percentage terms?

15 MS. ECHEMBERG: I would say I have maybe an hour left.
16 At the most. I'm just not -- we have some files to go through.
17 They may go quickly.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Then I think we'll have to break
19 for the day then.

20 MS. ECHEMBERG: I understand.

21 THE COURT: All right. Everybody, have a good
22 weekend. Remember the rules.

23 And could I just ask Ms. Thais to stay behind. She
24 shouldn't worry.

25 (Jury excused)

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1 (Witness excused)

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1 (In open court; jury not present; one juror present)

2 THE COURT: If we remember correctly, you told us that
3 you had a plane on the 30th of the month?

4 JUROR: That's correct.

5 THE COURT: I'm afraid we're still going to be going
6 on the 30th, and we wanted to give you a chance to bail out
7 today.

8 JUROR: Okay.

9 THE COURT: You're also welcome, if you're just
10 curious, to stay as long as, you know, your plans permit, but I
11 would have felt badly if I kept you here through Tuesday and
12 then sprung on you that I didn't think you'd get to be part of
13 the deliberative process.

14 JUROR: I appreciate that, your Honor. I would like
15 to come Monday just in case things move forward and then --

16 THE COURT: Well, they will move but they won't be
17 done, unfortunately.

18 JUROR: So you're certain that they will not be done
19 by Tuesday?

20 THE COURT: Sadly, yes.

21 JUROR: All right. Well, then I won't come back.

22 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thanks so much.

23 You know, we really do appreciate every time someone
24 participates in the jury process, and we understand, you know,
25 it's one of the highlights of our Constitution, and unless

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1 you're willing to do it, the system just doesn't work, so we do
2 thank you.

3 Why don't you just hang here for just a minute, or
4 about a minute, or you're welcome to actually go back but just
5 don't tell them that I've excused you, because I don't want a
6 rush of other people trying --

7 JUROR: I don't mind waiting.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Why don't you wait.

9 We'll call you and tell you what happens, that's for
10 sure, either way.

11 JUROR: Okay. Thank you.

12 (Pause)

13 (Juror excused)

14 THE COURT: Just a few things that we have on our list
15 about the charge that are not, you know, sort of resolved in
16 any way.

17 First, I think we need another revised indictment,
18 okay?

19 We have yet to hear from Mr. Donaldson on the sort of
20 duress/following orders question.

21 I don't know if the government is intending to put in
22 evidence of flight with respect to Ms. Cibik. I don't know if
23 you were planning on doing it. If you are, then there's a
24 whole issue about the charge, you know, on that, given that, if
25 I understand, she left and came back in a month. But I could

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1 be wrong about that. I don't know what the evidence is.

2 MR. DONALDSON: I hadn't heard any yet. I was
3 actually just doing some research on that but I hadn't heard
4 anything yet, but -- as of right now, of course I'll be
5 objecting to it because I haven't heard anything related to it.

6 THE COURT: No, I'm not saying it belongs in the
7 charge. I'm just trying to put on the floor the things that,
8 you know, Brett and I have been thinking about, because there
9 have been I think requests for these things. I haven't heard
10 the evidence, and I don't know if the government was pursuing
11 that sort of line of argument.

12 MR. PASTORE: Your Honor, at this time there's -- we
13 agree there's no evidence of flight. The evidence of flight
14 would come in if the proffer statements came in. And so far,
15 as your Honor has noted, they aren't, and so unless something
16 changes, we don't believe that's going to be in there.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Fine. We'll leave it if applicable
18 maybe now. Sounds like it probably won't be. But if somehow
19 it works its way in, I suspect it needs to be revised, because
20 I think it would be incomplete at this point.

21 Okay. Just in terms of proffer statements, so far
22 there's been no suggestion that Mr. Brodjik's proffer
23 statements should be in.

24 And I guess the last matter which is on the agenda is
25 the letter that we received this morning from Mr. Gutman.

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1 All right. Now just in terms of planning, can I get
2 any guidance from anybody on length of summations?

3 MR. PASTORE: Judge, I think we go a maximum of two
4 hours. That will be the outside.

5 THE COURT: Combined?

6 MR. PASTORE: For the government. No, no, I'm sorry,
7 for the government's.

8 MR. DONALDSON: No. Combined meaning both of you?

9 THE COURT: Combined meaning main and rebuttal or --

10 MR. PASTORE: Oh. We'll add half an hour just to be
11 safe.

12 THE COURT: Two and a half hours. Main and rebuttal.

13 MR. DONALDSON: I am working on between 45 minutes and
14 an hour.

15 MR. BRILL: It will be about the same for me.

16 MR. GREENFIELD: I can't imagine -- I would say
17 between a half an hour and 45 minutes.

18 MR. GERZOG: I would allow an hour and a half for me
19 but I probably wouldn't take it all.

20 THE COURT: What did you say?

21 MR. GERZOG: I say I would ask to allow for an hour
22 and a half but I probably won't take it all.

23 THE COURT: Let me ask one more question. Do defense
24 counsel expect an extensive cross of the agent?

25 MR. GERZOG: Of the agent. Not sure what the agent's

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1 going to say really, Judge, so it's hard to tell. Not as
2 extensive, obviously, as Grynsztajn and Salamon, but, you know,
3 if she's -- may I ask the government how long her direct will
4 be? Because that might inform me somewhat.

5 MR. PASTORE: Yeah. As we mentioned earlier today, we
6 don't anticipate it would be more than two hours of testimony,
7 probably substantially less than that, but --

8 MR. GERZOG: So then no, I wouldn't imagine my cross
9 would be that lengthy.

10 THE COURT: Say that again?

11 MR. GERZOG: I couldn't imagine that -- if she's only
12 going to take two hours on direct, I can't imagine my cross
13 would be particularly lengthy.

14 MR. GREENFIELD: I thought I was with Mr. Grynsztajn
15 for about half an hour, so I think -- so I don't --

16 THE COURT: I don't know.

17 MR. GREENFIELD: Yeah, okay.

18 THE COURT: I haven't been timing you.

19 MR. GREENFIELD: Yeah, no. That was just my feeling.

20 THE CLERK: I have.

21 MR. GREENFIELD: So I would anticipate, based on
22 that -- that would be three days with him. About the same with
23 the agent; a little less, maybe. I mean, I assume that she's
24 going to summarize the entire case, so I'm going to --

25 THE COURT: In two hours? That's good.

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1 MR. GREENFIELD: I'm going to try to, you know, land
2 every punch that I land with everybody else one more time with
3 her. So that would be about it.

4 MR. GERZOG: He doesn't mean punch.

5 MR. GREENFIELD: No, I do.

6 MR. GERZOG: He means gentle --

7 THE COURT: We won't have any fisticuffs here.

8 MR. GREENFIELD: No. I mean what's in my mind when
9 I'm making a good point.

10 THE COURT: Okay. That's a whole lot of food for
11 thought. All right.

12 MR. GUTMAN: Just so we're clear, your Honor would
13 like written comments on the draft charge by Sunday?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MR. GUTMAN: And will we have some --

16 THE COURT: We'll have an oral discussion, but we'll
17 be able to start thinking about what you have to say, okay?

18 So it doesn't really sound like testimony finishes on
19 Monday.

20 MR. DONALDSON: On Monday? No.

21 THE COURT: Doesn't sound like it.

22 MR. DONALDSON: No.

23 MR. BRILL: Another hour with Salomon, I have to think
24 the cross is going to be extensive, so maybe, if the cross has
25 started, late on Monday.

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1 MR. DONALDSON: I think that's not likely.

2 THE COURT: Just give me one second.

3 (Pause)

4 THE COURT: Well, I think at least the government
5 should be prepared to sum up on Tuesday. Whether it happens or
6 not, I can't tell you. Okay?

7 MR. PASTORE: And Judge, now that most of
8 Mr. Salamon's testimony is in, I don't know if we have any
9 better sense from the defendants whether their clients intend
10 to testify, whether they intend to put on a defense case.

11 THE COURT: Government has a question for defense
12 counsel. Having heard most of Mr. Salamon's testimony -- I
13 guess we've heard it against everyone except Ms. Cibik; right?

14 MR. DONALDSON: No, we heard some stuff about
15 Ms. Cibik in there too.

16 THE COURT: No, but I mean, Ms. Echenberg was starting
17 at the end to sort of change topics.

18 MR. BRILL: I don't think it's going to be an hour on
19 Ms. Cibik, though.

20 MS. ECHEMBERG: No, I skipped over -- there are client
21 files relating to Ms. Cibik specifically, but I'm going to go
22 through -- I'm going to try to start thinking about that.

23 THE COURT: So the question on the floor is whether
24 the defense counsel, having heard a day's worth of Mr. Salamon,
25 have reached any different inclination about whether there

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1 would be an affirmative defense case.

2 MR. GERZOG: No current inclination.

3 MR. GREENFIELD: I'm thinking of calling some
4 witnesses, but I don't know who they are yet. I'm going to
5 work on that this weekend. But I do have a sense of what I'm
6 going to want to establish.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. GREENFIELD: And again, it may not be necessary,
9 to one extent or the other. Depends on my cross.

10 THE COURT: How many of those blows you land.

11 MR. GREENFIELD: Exactly. You know, just punches.
12 There are jabs and then there are knockout blows. I'm not
13 expecting one of those.

14 MS. ECHENBERG: Your Honor, I would just put on the
15 record that we've made a request to defense counsel for a
16 witness list and for prior statements. We, of course, provided
17 all of that well in advance of trial. We would ask the same
18 courtesy of defense counsel.

19 MR. GREENFIELD: I got 3500 material this morning. I
20 get it at 2:00 in the morning. When I'm sleeping, it comes to
21 my e-mail. I don't know what, you know --

22 MR. BRILL: We got a "names you might hear" list.

23 MS. ECHENBERG: And then we told you every day and the
24 night before who of that list.

25 THE COURT: Well, I would expect on Monday that

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1 defense counsel would tell the government who, if anyone,
2 they're going to call. Okay?

3 MR. DONALDSON: Just one last thing.

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 MR. DONALDSON: As I said before, my client -- I want
6 to discuss it with her again -- instructed me she does not want
7 to testify, and again, I want to talk to her about that again
8 this weekend, but I think -- and I'm being pressed to bring
9 this up -- her concern is her English. I informed her that we
10 could obtain a Turkish interpreter for her if that's necessary.
11 She is opposed to that as well. So that's where we are right
12 now.

13 DEFENDANT CIBIK: Can I say something, your Honor?

14 THE COURT: No, please don't say anything. I just
15 confirm the advice that you've received from Mr. Donaldson, and
16 that is that the interpreter will be provided if you choose to
17 testify and if it's necessary. But I guess at some point,
18 Mr. Donaldson, you need to give us some notice of that just so
19 that we can get a Turkish interpreter, because unlike the
20 Spanish interpreters, you know, who we have sort of on call,
21 we're not in exactly the same situation.

22 MR. DONALDSON: I understand.

23 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Very good. Thank you.

24 (Adjourned to January 28, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.)

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